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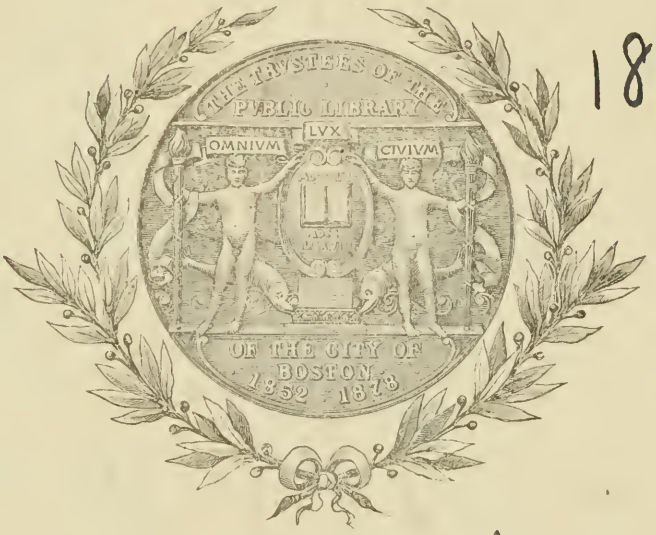

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Term expires January, 1898.

George Z. Adams,
George W. Anderson,
Samuel H. Calderwood,
Samuel E. Courtney,
Archibald T. Davison,
William J. Gallivan,
Gustav Liebmann,
Thomas F. Strange.

Term expires January, 1899.

Willard S. Allen,
Fanny B. Ames,
I. Austin Bassett,
William T. Eaton,
Samuel F. Hubbard,
Elizabeth C. Keller,
A. Lawrence Lowell,
Isaac F. Paul.

Term expires January, 1900.

Frank E. Bateman,
William H. Bowdlear,
Francis L. Coolidge,
Edward H. Dunn,
Emily A. Fifield,
Charles Fleischer,
Henry D. Huggan,
James A. McDonald.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 11, 1897.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 11, 1897, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members.

The Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member present.

At the request of the Chair, prayer was offered by Rev. Edward Everett Hale.

Members with unexpired terms.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, Paul, and Strange.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Election Commissioners; members-elect of School Committee.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
OLD COURT-HOUSE, COURT SQUARE,
BOSTON, Dec. 30, 1896.

To THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, *Secretary, School Committee, Mason Street, Boston:*

DEAR SIR: We hereby certify that as appears by the record of votes cast in this city at the municipal election, held on the 15th inst., the following-named persons were duly elected to the office of School Committee for the terms set against their names respectively, beginning the second Monday in January next:

Three Years.

FRANK E. BATEMAN	17 Parker street.
WILLIAM H. BOWDLEAR . . .	50 Brown avenue.
FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE	81 Marlboro' street.

Edward H. Dunn	260 Clarendon street.
Emily A. Fifield	4 Ashland street.
Charles Fleischer	38 St. Botolph street.
Henry D. Huggan	150 Princeton street.
James A. McDonald	116 Main street.

One Year.

Samuel E. Courtney	98 West Springfield street.

Respectfully,

LINUS E. PEARSON,
JAMES J. COSTELLO,
GEO. B. BILLINGS,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
Board of Election Commissioners.

Placed on file.

Credentials of members-elect.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallivan, Bassett, and Mrs. Ames a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly elected members as follows: For three years, — Frank E. Bateman, William H. Bowdlear, Francis L. Coolidge, Edward H. Dunn, Emily A. Fifield, Charles Fleischer, Henry D. Huggan, James A. McDonald. For one year, — Samuel E. Courtney.

The report was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year which involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year which do not involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President. Election of President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Hubbard, and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 25.

The ballot was declared void.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

The committee appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Elizabeth C. Keller had 1 vote; Isaac F. Paul had 9 votes; Henry D. Huggan had 14 votes, and was declared elected as President of the Board. Henry D. Huggan elected President.

The Chair appointed Mr. Paul and Mrs. Fifield a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The President in the chair.

The President made the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the School Board of 1897: I thank you sincerely, one and all, for the very great honor you have conferred upon me in electing me to this position. It is indeed a very great honor to be a member of the Boston School Board. It is a still greater honor to be thought worthy to preside over its deliberations. While I recognize and appreciate this fully, yet I am mindful of the importance and responsibility of the position; but were I to shrink from this responsibility at this time I should be unworthy of the confidence and suffrages of the people, as well as the respect and confidence of this Board. I confess fully that it is with great misgivings that I enter upon the duties of this office, especially when I think of and recall the able, efficient, and honorable gentlemen who have preceded me, and who have succeeded so admirably in despatching the business of this Board and caring for the interests of the schools of the city. I know it is not an easy position to fill, but I can assure you I shall do all in my power to perform the duties faithfully. I

shall endeavor to treat the business in a fair and considerate manner, and as all matters are presented, so far as in my power lies, I shall give them the attention to which they are entitled. As you well know, it has not been customary in the past for presidents to address you at length or lay out any plans for the Board, therefore I shall follow in their footsteps. I know, in view of the pleasant relations always existing between us, I shall receive your consideration and loyal support. There are a few things to which I should like to make a brief allusion at this time. While there has been a great deal accomplished by the Board in the way of providing accommodations for the children, there remains a great deal to be done in the way of carrying to completion new school buildings in this city. I think you will all agree with me when I say that no Primary or Grammar School children in this city should be deprived of proper accommodations and facilities to enable them to gain an education to fit them for substantial and loyal American citizenship. Again, there come from different sections of the city urgent requests for increased High School accommodations. This, fellow-members, I think should receive early attention and serious consideration from this Board, and provision should be made for new High School buildings where they are required, as early as the conditions will warrant. Again, our Normal School, which has done such splendid work in the past, should not be hampered in the way in which it is. A new building should be erected, and so thoroughly equipped that it will be second to none in the Commonwealth. Again thanking you for the honor conferred, I await the pleasure of the Board.

Election of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Allen, Gallivan, and Courtney were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Thornton D. Apollonio had 24 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary qualified.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, taking the oath of office.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Strange and Coolidge were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said

officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 12. William J. Porter had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Lowell, Bowdlear, and Adams were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 12. Alvah H. Peters had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation, and Messrs. Allen, Fleischer, and Hubbard were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Emily A. Fifield had 1 vote. James A. McDonald had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Adjourned meeting.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet in this room on Thursday, Jan. 14, 1897, at five o'clock, P.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees, when appointed.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, it was

Edition of Annual Report.

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report for 1896 be printed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Committees to report in print.

Ordered, That the several committees may, with the permission of the Board, make any report in print which they deem proper.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; School Committee and teachers invited to attend lecture by Dr. L. J. Cherrington.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Jan. 11, 1897.

To the Boston School Committee:

The accompanying communication of Dr. L. J. Cherrington, of Salem, Mass., in which he invites the members of the School Committee and the teachers of the public schools to attend an illustrated lecture prepared by him, entitled "The Human Workshop," is respectfully referred for your action. My suggestion would be that it be referred to the Committee on Hygiene, when appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land at West End taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Jan. 11, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Max Rosenthal upon the sum of seven thousand dollars, as payment for the part of his estate numbered five on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Rosenthal giving to the city a deed for the same satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Salaries of instructors in public schools.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 4, 1897.

Ordered, That the order on page 455 of the Minutes of the School Committee for Nov. 24, 1896, proposing an increase in salaries for first assistants in Grammar Schools and assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools, be referred to the Committees on Salaries of the next School Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries of the next School Board, in making up the schedule of salaries for the school year 1897–98, include in their report the following order: *Ordered*, That

all instructors in the service of the city who, during the year preceding their anniversary on or after Sept. 1, 1897, received under the new schedule of salaries an amount less than they would have received under the old schedule, be paid for the month in which their anniversary occurs in addition to their salary for said month, a sum that will make good the loss incurred for one year from the anniversary of their appointment on or after Sept. 1, 1896.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land to enlarge lot of Dillaway School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Jan. 11, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of Dec. 8, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners on the ninth instant took for school purposes sixteen hundred and four square feet, more or less, of land between Kenilworth and Washington streets, adjoining the Dillaway School estate, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land at West End taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Jan. 11, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with George E. Knapp upon the sum of three thousand dollars as payment for all his rights and easement in the estate numbered fourteen on Poplar street, formerly belonging to Patrick Smith, and taken from said Smith for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Knapp giving to

the city a release for said rights and easement and all damages occasioned him by said taking that shall be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land at West End taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Jan. 6, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Bridget E. Gaffney upon the sum of seventeen thousand dollars as payment for her estate numbered eighty-eight on Chambers street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Gaffney giving to the city a deed for the same, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Aldermen; High School for South Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Jan. 4, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee be and hereby is requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, what progress, if any, has been made towards the erection of a High School for South Boston, and what action, if any, is necessary on the part of the City Council to expedite the construction and completion of said building.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

Petition of E. E. Smith *et als.*; new building for Girls' Latin School.

The Chair presented a petition signed by E. E. Smith and twenty others relative to providing a new building for the Girls' Latin School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to purchase of land on Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, BOSTON, Jan. 7, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council the cost of purchasing and erecting a school-house on the vacant lot of land on the corner of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 7, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Jan. 8, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for report.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; withdrawal of approval of contract for heating Robinson-street School-house.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, January 11.

To the School Committee:

I hereby withdraw my approval of the contract with the Fuller-Warren Co., for the heating of the Robinson-street School-house, as I do not believe that such contract should be carried out, in view of the uncontradicted evidence presented at the public hearing on this matter given by me on the request of the Ci izens' Association.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

Enlargement of Robinson-street School-house lot.

Mrs. Keller moved that the vote whereby the order requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to take land for the enlargement of the Robinson-street lot, Dorchester, was declared passed at the meeting of the School Board of last year, held Jan. 4, 1897 (see Minutes, 1896, page 525), be reconsidered.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that it is not competent for this Board to reconsider a vote passed by a former Board.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken, and stated that the only motion that could be entertained would be a motion to rescind.

Mr. Lowell offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested not to take the parcel of land for the enlargement of the Robinson-street School-house lot.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the order should be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Lowell moved that the rules be suspended, that the order may take its passage to-night.

Lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Mr. Strange moved that the Board adjourn.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Strange's motion to adjourn.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Dunn, Gallivan, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann and Lowell — 17.

Absent or not voting: none.

Mr. Allen moved that the order passed by the School Board of last year at the meeting held Jan. 4, 1897 (see Minutes 1896, page 525), relative to the purchase of land for the enlargement of the Robinson-street lot, Dorchester, be rescinded.

Mr. Strange moved that the Board adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to adjourn. Yeas and nays.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Dunn, Gallivan, Huggan, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann and Lowell — 16.

Absent or not voting: none.

Mr. Allen's motion was lost.

Mr. Lowell offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners abstain from taking the parcel of land for the enlargement of the Robinson-street School-house lot until further action by this Board.

Mr. Lowell moved the passage of the order, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Strange raised the point of order that the order could not be entertained, as it has already been before the house and been voted upon.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to suspend the rules. Yeas and nays.

The motion to suspend the rules passed by the following vote: Rules suspended.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs.

Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, and McDonald — 20.

Nays: Messrs. Dunn, Gallivan, Paul, and Strange — 4.

Absent or not voting: none.

Mr. Lowell's order passed.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 14, 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Adams, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, McDonald, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the records of the last meeting were amended as follows: Records amended.

Page 10. Strike out the paragraph relative to the petition of E. E. Smith *et als.* for a new building for the Girls' Latin School, and insert in place thereof the following:

"The Chair read the following:

"BOSTON, Dec. 10, 1896.

"*To the Honorable School Board of the City of Boston:*

"We, the undersigned, parents of pupils attending the Girls' Latin School, and other citizens of Boston interested in its welfare, respectfully petition your honorable body to provide a new building for the Girls' Latin School. The reasons for this petition are, in part, as follows:

"The membership of the Girls' Latin School has increased 127 per cent. within the last eleven years, and this year the number of pupils has risen to 338. The average annual increase for the last three years has been 16 per cent.; and if the same rate of increase should continue for the next three years, the number of pupils at the end of that time would be 500. The building now occupied by the Girls' High School and the Girls' Latin School is none too large for the Girls' High School alone. Although it was originally designed for 925 pupils only, it now contains nearly 1,300. If there should be any further increase in the membership of either of these schools next year, it would be physically impossible for the present building to accommodate all the pupils of both schools.

"E. E. SMITH,

"and twenty others."

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair appointed the following standing committees, also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz. :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees.

Accounts. — Willard S. Allen, Chairman ; Messrs. Dunn, Gallivan, Bassett, and Hubbard.

Annual Report. — Fanny B. Ames, Chairman ; Messrs. Bateman and Bowdlear.

Drawing. — James A. McDonald, Chairman ; Messrs. Paul, Davison, Mrs. Ames, and Mr. Fleischer.

Elections. — Archibald T. Davison, Chairman ; Messrs. Bateman and Coolidge.

Evening Schools. — Isaac F. Paul, Chairman ; Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Allen, and Gallivan.

Examinations. — A. Lawrence Lowell, Chairman ; Messrs. Strange, Davison, Fleischer, and Courtney.

Horace Mann School. — Elizabeth C. Keller, Chairman ; Messrs. Fleischer and Bateman.

Hygiene and Physical Training. — Samuel H. Calderwood, Chairman ; Messrs. McDonald, Hubbard, Liebmann, and Bateman.

Kindergartens. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman ; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Courtney, Fleischer, and Bowdlear.

Legislative Matters. — William T. Eaton, Chairman ; Messrs. Adams and Bassett.

Manual Training. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman ; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Hubbard, Eaton, and Coolidge.

Music. — Gustav Liebmann, Chairman ; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Bassett, Anderson, and Paul.

Nominations. — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman ; Messrs. McDonald, Eaton, Bowdlear, and Coolidge.

Rules and Regulations. — George W. Anderson, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Adams, Hubbard, and Mrs. Ames.

Salaries. — I. Austin Bassett, Chairman; Mr. Liebmann, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Gallivan and Bateman.

School Houses. — Edward H. Dunn, Chairman; Messrs. Strange, Lowell, Paul, and Eaton.

Supplies. — Archibald T. Davison, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Calderwood, Adams, and Coolidge.

Text-Books. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Allen, Anderson, and Strange.

Truant Officers. — Samuel F. Hubbard, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Huggan, Liebmann, and Courtney.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

(*Alphabetical order. Chairmen elective.*)

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Mr. Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Huggan.

High Schools. — Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Gallivan, Lowell, and Paul.

First Division. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Gallivan, Huggan, and McDonald.

Second Division. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Hubbard, Huggan, and McDonald.

Third Division. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Courtney, Hubbard, and Paul.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Coolidge, Dunn, Fleischer, Lowell, and Paul.

Fifth Division. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Courtney, Dunn, Fleischer, and Liebmann.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Bowdlear, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, and Liebmann.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Adams, Bassett, Calderwood, Eaton, and Strange.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Bowdlear, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Lowell.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. Bassett, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Strange.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Enlargement of Robinson-street School-house lot. [See pp. 12, 13, 14.]

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to return without his signature the order passed by this Board January 4, requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to take, by purchase or otherwise, a parcel of land for the enlargement of the Robinson-street School-house lot.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Lost.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the order should be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

The order passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company relative to contract for heating and ventilating Robinson-street School-house.

OFFICE OF THE
FULLER & WARREN WARMING AND VENTILATING COMPANY,
BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 14, 1897.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: We have a contract made with the city of Boston fully approved, and under which we have begun a portion of our work for the heating and ventilating of the Robinson-street School-house. This contract was made through your committee; we feel responsible to your committee, and therefore cannot allow the communication transmitted to your Board by His Honor the Mayor on January 11 to pass unnoticed.

Our company has a good standing in the community, and we have our apparatus or system in a large number of school buildings in Boston, and our standing and future business may be injured unless an answer is made to the Mayor's message.

The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company never received any notice or invitation to attend a hearing in December last, given by His Honor. The company was never called upon or asked for any explanation whatever of the matters and things arising at that hearing. It never knew that charges were made against it. It stands prepared, at any time that His Honor the Mayor or your committee may appoint, to meet any allegations made against the company.

From an examination of the newspaper reports of the statements made at the hearing which His Honor gave, we fail to see any reasonable ground for a withdrawal of the approval of the contract made with the company. The contract was duly awarded to us by the committee; has been signed and approved as the law requires, and the surety bond of three thousand dollars for its faithful fulfilment has been duly filed.

The company addresses this communication to the School Committee, as the communication of His Honor the Mayor has gone to your Board. The tenor of His Honor's message would seem to indicate that he thinks the matter rests with the School Committee as being the body which awarded the contract. Of course the company claims that the withdrawal of the approval of His Honor has no effect upon the contract under the circumstances.

Yours respectfully,

FULLER & WARREN WARMING AND VENTILATING COMPANY,

By B. W. KINNEY,
Manager.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 26, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Davison and Strange.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Jan. 22, 1897.

To the School Committee:

An order passed by your Board on January 11, providing for the adoption of certain rules and regulations, has been sent to me, I presume, for my approval. I return this order herewith without my approval, for the reason that I do not understand that any of these rules are of a character which require the approval of the Mayor.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; order providing for the adoption of rules and regulations returned without approval of the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 21, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council the cost of purchasing a vacant lot of land at the corner of Byron and Saratoga streets, and erecting a school-house thereon.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 21, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to cost of purchasing vacant lot of land at the corner of Byron and Saratoga streets.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Jan. 23, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; exceptions to carrying out of regulations relative to instruction by masters.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Jan. 19, 1897.

To the School Committee:

On December 8, 1896, it was "Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be requested to report to this Board such exceptions, if any, as should be made to the operation of Section 196 of the Regulations, providing that principals shall give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools, with the reasons for such exceptions."

In obedience to this order, I respectfully report that in my judgment good reasons exist for excepting from the operation of the Regulation cited the masters of the following-named districts: Charles Sumner, Dearborn, Eliot, Emerson, Hancock, Hugh, O'Brien, Lowell, Mather, Washington Allston, and Wells.

The reasons for these exceptions are two. First, the large number of pupils in each district named, and, second, the fact that in each district there are four or more separate buildings in which the schools are placed. In some of the districts above named, the principals reported that they had complied with, and others that they had been unable to comply with, the Regulation requiring them to give ten hours a week to instruction in their schools; but to this fact I have paid no attention, for it seemed better to base the exceptions strictly and exclusively upon the two reasons that have been given.

I have now, perhaps, responded to the order of the School Committee as fully as was expected, and yet I do not feel that I have discharged my whole duty in relation to the matter. There is more that needs to be said. The study which I have given the subject has led me to a conclusion which seems to deserve the consideration of the School Committee.

My conclusion is this, that so much of Section 196 of the Regulations as requires principals "to give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools" is not beneficial in its operation and ought to be repealed. This requirement annoys those masters who cannot fulfil it, with a sense of apparent failure to meet all the demands of their office; it suggests to other masters, who

could easily teach more than two hours a day, that they might be exceeding their duty by doing so; and it denies to all masters the free exercise of their best discretion in the distribution of their time amongst the various functions of their office.

Moreover, it seems to imply a want of confidence in the masters, which the facts would hardly justify. Now the withholding of confidence is not a good principle of administration. A better principle is to grant confidence freely, even at the risk of occasional abuse of it. It is the largely trusted, not the suspiciously watched, agents or employees who render best service.

I would, therefore, leave every master perfectly free, so far as regulations are concerned, to use his time in whatsoever part of his district his presence might do the most good, and in whatsoever manner he deems best for the whole of his schools. And I would have his service estimated, not by the nearness or remoteness of his compliance with a fixed rule, but rather by the general condition and efficiency of the schools of his district. This general condition of the schools in each district is always known, for there are officers — the Supervisors — whose particular duty it is, by constant visitation, to keep their information on this point always full and recent.

Should any master be observed not to be spending his time to the best advantage, the necessary suggestions or advice could be given him by the Supervisor or by the Superintendent. Undoubtedly such advice would be given in the future, without a regulation, as it has been given in the past, with a regulation. This would be a procedure more pleasant and more likely to be effectual than calling upon all the masters severally to report upon the fact and degree of their compliance with or departure from a fixed rule.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the communication was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reports of Committees on Nominations.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Mary A. P. Cross, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Franklin District. — Josephine G. Whipple, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Frothingham District. — Susan T. Dundon, assistant, Grammar School, Feb. 1, 1897.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Franklin, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, assistant, Grammar School, Feb. 1, 1897.

Instructor in Sewing. — Catherine C. Nelson, Jan. 1, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dearborn District. — Amanda C. Ellison, from Jan. 7, 1897.

Everett District. — Mary L. Sullivan, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Viola M. Clark, from Jan. 18, 1897.

Phillips District. — Catherine M. Dolan, from Dec. 14, 1896, to Jan. 5, 1897. Henrietta Chase, from Jan. 6, 1897.

Prescott District. — Lillian M. Park, from Jan. 26, 1897.

Cudworth Kindergarten. — Mabel J. Houlahan, from Nov. 16, 1896, to Nov. 20, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 12, 1897.

Dudley District. — Jane M. Gray, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Franklin District. — Emma F. Luker, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 8, 1897.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Edith A. Scanlan, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 26, 1897.

Mather District. — Susie J. Clough, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 22, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Agassiz District. — Sarah A. Moody, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Charles Sumner District. — Helen E. Chandler, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 14, 1897. Rebekah C. Riley, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Mary A. P. Cross, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Franklin District. — Josephine G. Whipple, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Alice B. Cherrington, assistant, Primary School, third year, from Jan. 7, 1897.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Franklin, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Roger Clap District. — Alice B. Hennessey, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, first assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Wells District. — Mary E. O'Leary, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Dec. 22, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Alice C. Chesley, assistant, Grammar School.

Dillaway District. — Theresa B. Finneran, assistant, Primary School.

Dwight District. — E. Josephine White, assistant, Grammar School.

Gaston District. — Ellen R. Wyman, assistant, Grammar School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistant, Sumner R. Hooper, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, Robert E. Burke, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Samuel Fine, from Jan. 4, 1897; Mary A. Duston, from Jan. 6, 1897; Harriet E. Ells, from Jan. 11, 1897; Isabella H. Howe, from Jan. 21, 1897.

Lincoln School. — Assistant, Adelia J. Webber, from Dec. 18, 1896.

Quincy School. — Assistant, Katherine J. Daily, from Jan. 6, 1897.

Washington Allston School. — First assistant, Edwin W. Howes, from Jan. 4, 1897. Assistants, John W. Cooke, Eleanor J. Murphy, Avedis B. Selian, from Jan. 4, 1897; Anna F. De Vere, Hattie L. Kennedy, from Jan. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

English High School. — Joseph Y. Bergen, junior-master, from Feb. 1, 1897, until June 1, 1897.

Agassiz District. — Alice Nowland, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897; James H. Gormley, substitute.

Bowditch District. — E. Augusta Randall, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 11, 1897, until April 11, 1897; M. Louise Wiswall, substitute.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Brown, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 18, 1897, until April 18, 1897; Katherine J. Daily, substitute.

Eliot District. — Luciette A. Wentworth, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 4, 1897, until April 4, 1897; Annie G. Hughes, substitute.

John A. Andrew District. — Annie M. Driscoll, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 4, 1897, until April 1, 1897. Sarah E. Connelly, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1897, until March 1, 1897; Helen M. Cleveland, substitute.

Minot District. — A. Isabelle Macarthy, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 7, 1897, until Feb. 15, 1897; Mary Elinor Clapp, substitute.

Centre-street Kindergarten. — Ida E. McElwain, principal, from Jan. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897; Isabella F. Wallace, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Purchase of rights and easement in estate taken for school purposes at West End. [See pp. 9, 10.]

Ordered, That there be paid to George E. Knapp the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) as payment for all his rights and easement in the estate numbered fourteen on Poplar street, formerly belonging to Patrick Smith, and taken from said Smith for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Knapp giving to the city a release for said rights and easement and all damages occasioned him by said taking that shall be satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land at West End taken for school purposes. [See p. 8.].

Ordered, That there be paid to Max Rosenthal the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) as payment for the part of his estate numbered five on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Rosenthal giving to the city a deed for the same satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Expense of furnishing Thetford-st. addition.

Ordered, That the expense of furnishing, etc., the Thetford-street School-house addition be charged to the appropriation Thetford-street School-house, addition.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Order for City Treasurer to issue bonds for $400,000 for new school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue, during the current year, negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000), and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses, under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Orient Heights Improvement Association relative to accommodations for pupils attending Blackinton School.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication from the Orient Heights Association relative to increased school accommodations for the children attending the Blackinton School, Orient Heights, reported that your committee have voted to give a hearing to the petitioners, and they recommend that no further action is necessary in the matter at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order relative to

petitioning the General Court in order that the School Committee be authorized to expend $800,000 for school purposes under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, during the year 1897, reported that in the judgment of this committee it is inexpedient to recommend the passage of the order.

petition to General Court relative to money available for year 1897.

On motion of Mr. Allen the report was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following report :

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Board of Aldermen; High School for South Boston. [See p. 10.]

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Jan. 11 — a communication from the Board of Aldermen, requesting the School Committee to report what progress, if any, has been made towards the erection of a High School for South Boston, and what action, if any, is necessary on the part of the City Council to expedite the construction and completion of said building, report that on Jan. 2, 1896, an order was passed by the City Council to the effect that so much of the Reservoir lot in Thomas park, South Boston, as the Committee on School Houses of the School Committee, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, shall select for a High School for the South Boston District be surrendered to the School Committee to be used for said purpose, whenever the Water Commissioner shall notify the Mayor that the same is no longer needed for the Water Department. Subsequently, the School Committee were notified by His Honor the Mayor that he must withhold his approval of the taking of any portion of said lot for a High School site unless this Board authorize payment out of its funds of a price which the Board of Street Commissioners shall pronounce, with his approval, to be a fair one.

On Oct. 27, 1896, your committee presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor, by a unanimous vote :

Your committee would gladly coöperate with the Mayor or any department of the city government in any way that will effect a financial saving to the city and not interfere with the work of the respective departments, and this Board has frequently granted the use of the school buildings to city departments to save the expense of hiring private property. The principle advocated in the letter of the Mayor, that in the surrender of any property by any department to the city, the party surrendering the same should be paid or cred-

ited with the proceeds of the sale of such property, is one which has always been urged by this Board, and your committee has tried in vain to have this principle established with reference to the surrender of school property to the city. Your committee protests, however, against this attempt to make the School Committee pay for property now owned by the city, when the city has universally taken the proceeds of property surrendered by the School Committee for other than school purposes, in spite of the request of this Board that the proceeds be applied for building and furnishing of new school-houses. If this principle is to be carried to its logical extent, payment should also be made by the city for school lands taken for street widenings, and in at least three cases during the present year parts of school-yards have been taken for this purpose. If "the maintenance of a separation between the finances of the water system and those of the city generally is one of the most important principles of municipal finance," as the Mayor asserts, much more important is the principle as to the School Committee and the city generally, where the separation is so marked that, in the opinion of the present Corporation Counsel, the School Committee is not a "department" of the city government. Furthermore, when school-house sites have been surrendered, the property has been sold to individuals and the proceeds of such sales have gone into the city treasury, but in the proposed action with reference to the Reservoir site, it is a use of the same property by the city for another public purpose.

As to the merits of the Reservoir lot for high-school purposes, your committee would say that Mayor Curtis, in October, 1895, recommended to this Board the use of the Reservoir lot as one that would be satisfactory to everybody concerned, and would save the city at least $55,000. Accompanying the communication of Mayor Curtis were letters from the Corporation Counsel and the City Conveyancer stating that the title to the lot was then in the city by deed, and therefore could be used for any public purpose, and letters from the Water Commissioner and the City Engineer stating that the lot would not be required for the Water Department and could be graded for use for a school-house site. In pursuance of the arrangement then consummated between Mayor Curtis and this Board, and for the purpose of saving the expense of acquiring another lot when the city had title to land available and fit for school purposes, this Board, on Dec. 10, 1895, passed the orders suggested by Mayor Curtis, and on January 2, of the present year, the City Council passed the order for the surrender of the Reservoir site to the School Committee, to be used for a high school "whenever the Water

Commissioner shall notify the Mayor that the same is no longer needed for the Water Department." No suggestion was then made as to payment by this Board for the land so surrendered, and the first notice to this Board of the abandonment by the Water Department is in the letter of His Honor the Mayor sent to the Board at its last meeting, refusing to carry out the arrangement consummated under the last city administration unless school funds to the amount of the present value of said lot be diverted to the Water Department. Your committee insists that, with all the demands now being made upon this Board for new school buildings in all parts of the city, it cannot afford to pay the city for public land, and protests against the application to the School Committee in the first instance of a principle which has never been recognized when the committee has surrendered property.

Your committee is informed by the Sixth Division Committee that it is their desire, as well as that of the advocates of a South Boston High School, that the school-house be built on the Reservoir lot. Under these circumstances your committee recommends that this Board decline to authorize any payment out of its funds for any part of the Reservoir site; that His Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to approve the selection of so much of the Reservoir lot in Thomas park, South Boston, as the Committee on School Houses shall select for a high-school site, and that a copy of this report be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Your committee has since heard nothing with regard to the matter, and therefore recommends that the Board of Aldermen be respectfully informed that no progress has been made.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; withdrawal of approval of contract for heating Robinson-st. School-house; communication from Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 11 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor with reference to the contract for heating the Robinson-street School-house, and to whom was referred — Jan. 14 — a communication from the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, with whom said contract was made, reported that this contract was awarded by your committee Nov. 27, 1896, and approved by the Mayor Dec. 5, 1896. The original bids which were received in October, 1896, and which contemplated

relative to same contract.
[See pp. 11, 18, 19.]

a steam plant, were so far out of proportion to the expense of an eight-room building (the lowest bid being for $7,333) that your committee rejected all the bids, and threw the contract open to competition by hot-air plants as well as steam. After much time and investigation of the merits of the various bids and plans submitted, your committee fairly awarded the contract to the Fuller & Warren Company as being the most advantageous contract, in view of price, plans, specifications, and guaranty submitted, that the city could make under the terms of the advertisement. After the Mayor had approved this contract, he conducted a public investigation of the Committee on School-houses, which investigation showed that the contract had been fairly and honestly awarded, and that it was an advantageous contract for the city to make.

The approval of the contract cannot now be withdrawn. Believing that your committee has made an advantageous contract, and that any attempt to break it would result in farther expense to the city, your committee recommend that no further action is necessary on the said communications referred to them.

Minority report.

Mr. Lowell, for the minority of the same committee, presented the following report, signed by A. Lawrence Lowell and William T. Eaton:

The minority of the Committee on School Houses beg to report that in their opinion this Board ought not to proceed with the Fuller & Warren contract.

Mr. Lowell moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to substitute.

The motion to substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Liebmann, and Lowell — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Calderwood, Dunn, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Paul — 13.

Absent or not voting. — Messrs. Davison and Strange.

The Chair stated the question was on the acceptance of the majority report.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 45 be amended by inserting in the fourth line of the second paragraph after the words "Sects. 36 and 37" the words "as amended by chapter 103 of the Acts of 1884."

Amendment of rules; purchase of text-books.

The rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 120 be amended by striking out the sentence commencing "The salary of," in the sixth line, and ending with the word "service" in the tenth and eleventh lines.

Amendment of rules; salary of teacher of theory and practice of the Kindergarten.

The rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 124 be amended by striking out the remainder of the section following the word "days" in the tenth line.

Amendment of rules; salary of special substitutes.

The rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Regulations relative to cleanliness in schools.

Ordered, That Section 234 be amended by substituting the word "and" for the word "or" in the second line.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of rules; duties of Committee on Accounts.

Ordered, That Section 42 be amended by inserting after the word "supplies," in the ninth line, the words "or the Committee on School Houses."

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Regulations; school year.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 210. Strike out the section, and insert the following in place thereof:

SECTION 210. The school year shall commence with the first day of September in each year, and there shall be two terms each year for the regular work in the schools; the first term beginning with the first Wednesday in September, and the second term with the first Monday in February.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules; motions to reconsider.

Ordered, That Section 30 be stricken out, and the following substituted therefor:

SECTION 30. The action of the Board on any question may be reconsidered at the same meeting, by a

majority of the members present; or, if any member who is not shown by a yea and nay vote to have voted against the prevailing side shall give notice to the Secretary before five o'clock P.M. of the next day but one following that on which the meeting was held, of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Only one motion for this purpose shall be in order.

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Physical maps authorized.

Ordered, That the physical maps of the two hemispheres, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and South America (Sydow-Habenicht), be authorized for use in the Public Latin School and in the Girls' Latin School.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Physical map authorized.

Ordered, That the physical map of the United States, published by Rand, McNally, & Co., be authorized for use in the Public Latin School and in the Girls' Latin School.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; books to be recommended in writing by Board of Supervisors before adoption.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that no book be adopted by this Board for use in our schools unless recommended in writing by the Board of Supervisors, reported that the matter has received the attention of the committee, and they recommend that it is inexpedient to pass the order.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Text Books; text-books written by.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that this committee consider and report upon the expediency

employees of School Department.

of providing in the Rules that no book, the author of which is in the employ of the School Department, shall be authorized for use as a text-book in the public schools of this city, except under the condition that such author shall waive his copyright in favor of the city on books purchased for use in the public schools, reported that this committee have given the subject their consideration, and recommend that it is inexpedient to amend the rules as suggested in the order referred.

Accepted; and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; communication from John M. Perkins relative to Montgomery's History.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication from John M. Perkins relative to Montgomery's History of the United States, reported that your committee have given the matter attention, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Second Division; forenoon session of Warren School.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, to whom was referred from the files of last year a petition from the teachers and pupils of the Warren Grammar School, relative to the omission of recess and change in the hours of the forenoon session, reported that this matter has received the attention of your committee, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of draft for payment for site of proposed Elm-street School-house.

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to withhold his approval of the draft for payment for the site of the proposed Elm-street School-house.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Subsequently, Mr. Bateman moved that the vote whereby the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses be reconsidered.

Lost by a vote of 4 to 8.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Estimates for reporting proceedings of School Committees.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to obtain from the different daily newspapers of Boston an estimate for the publication of the business transacted by the Board at its meetings, such estimates to state specifically just what it is proposed to furnish, and present the same to this Board at the next regular meeting for action.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following, and moved that it be substituted for the above order:

Ordered, That the stenographic reports of the School Committee meetings be henceforth dispensed with.

Mrs. Fifield's motion to substitute passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the substitute order was laid on the table.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Selection of sites for school-houses.

Ordered, That no site for a school-house shall hereafter be selected until the Committee on School Houses shall have advertised at least twice in two Boston daily papers for proposals for suitable site or sites with the price thereof, in the section where it is proposed to erect a school-house, and the proposals received, with a statement of the assessed valuation of said site or sites, shall, with the recommendation of the committee, be presented to the Board for final action.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was laid on the table.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Gustav Liebmann from Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 26, 1897.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I hereby resign as a member of the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Yours truly,

GUSTAV LIEBMANN.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Fanny O. Ames from Committee on Annual Report.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 26, 1897.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I beg herewith to tender my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on the Annual Report.

Yours very truly,

FANNY B. AMES.

Accepted.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Ames a member of the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, and Gustav Liebmann as Chairman of the Committee on the Annual Report.

Approved.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Janitor service in English High School-house.

Ordered, That sufficient janitor service be furnished the English High School to prevent the entrance of promiscuous strangers and to guard the property of the school and the pupils.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Change in boundary lines of Roger Clap District.

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Roger Clap District be changed so that they will be as they were prior to Jan. 4, 1897.

Referred to the Joint Committee on the Ninth and Sixth Divisions.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to place a suitable tablet on the Minot School-house, and to remove the sign from the Walnut-street Primary School-house in the Minot District.

Tablet for Minot School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That Hiram M. George, master of the Tileston District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Jan. 1, 1897.

Salary of Hiram M. George.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the new Grammar School-house in the Harris District receive the name of Mary Hemenway.

Naming of new Grammar School-house in Harris District in honor of Mary Hemenway.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up a room for a School of Cookery in the Horace Mann School-house.

Fitting of room in Horace Mann School for School of Cookery.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up rooms for wood-working classes in the Hugh O'Brien and Comins School-houses.

Rooms fitted for wood-working classes.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, presented a course of study for the Mechanic Arts High School.

Course of study in Mechanic Arts High School.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Sanitary arrangements of Stephen M. Weld School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be urged to remedy the defects in the sanitary arrangements of the Stephen M. Weld School-house.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Amy Hutchins, Ann M. Mitchell, and Helen E. Chandler.

Ordered, That there be paid to Amy Hutchins, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Bowditch District, the sum of two hundred thirty-five and $\frac{35}{100}$ dollars ($235.35), for extra services performed during the time which elapsed between the death of the late principal of the Bowditch School, Mr. Charles W. Hill, and the appointment of his successor; and that there be paid to Ann M. Mitchell fifty-three and $\frac{1}{100}$ dollars ($53.01), and to Helen E. Chandler sixteen and $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars ($16.74), for services performed in the Bowditch School during the same time.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Temporary accommodations to be approved by the Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to make such changes in the Rules as will provide that no temporary accommodations for school purposes shall be provided without the approval of the Board having been first obtained.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Contracts for erection of school-houses to be approved by the Board.

Ordered, That hereafter any contract for the erection of a school-house shall be submitted for the approval of the Board before the same is executed.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Removal or discontinuance of a school to be reported to Board.

Ordered, That no school be moved or discontinued from its present location unless notice of such action is given at a previous meeting, when the Board shall determine final action thereon.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That janitors be required each Saturday during the school year to cover all the floors of school-houses with sawdust wet with a one to one thousand solution of corrosive sublimate, and sweep the sawdust before it becomes dry; also to wipe the wood-work of all chairs, desks, wainscotings, window-sills, doors, and door-knobs with a cloth wet in the same solution. Disinfection of school-houses.

Mr. Bateman moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Allen moved as an amendment to Mr. Bateman's motion that the order be referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Allen's motion passed, and the order was referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to ascertain and report the expense that would be incurred by taking the following site in Charlestown with a view to occupying it for school purposes, namely: Expense of taking site on Elm and Bartlett streets, Charlestown, for school purposes.

3,920 square feet, more or less, corner Elm and Bartlett streets, owned or formerly owned by the John Badger heirs.

1,716 square feet, No. 39 Bartlett street, owned or formerly owned by F. G. Savage.

1,716 square feet, No. 37 Bartlett street, owned or formerly owned by M. E. Clark.

1,760 square feet, No. 35 Bartlett street, owned or formerly owned by Charles Cullinane.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Exclusion of pupils from school on account of measles.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to report how far Section 233 of the Rules and Regulations, with regard to the exclusion of pupils from the schools for a period of two weeks after death, recovery, or removal of pupil or any member of household who has been sick with measles, is observed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Petition of Henry L. Higginson for new building for Girls' Latin School.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Henry L. Higginson and three thousand and fifty others, relative to a new building for the Girls' Latin School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Lowell the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 9, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Davison, Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Strange.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; site for a High School for South Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Feb. 9, 1897.

To the School Committee:

In view of the difference of opinion which exists at the present time between the School Committee and myself in respect to the transfer of the Reservoir lot as a site for the proposed High School for South Boston, and in view, also, of the doubt which I think exists as to the desirability of the Reservoir site for this purpose, I desire to suggest the reopening by the School Committee of the whole question of the selection of a lot of land for a High School in South Boston.

I am satisfied of the desirability of such a High School, and am disposed to consider favorably any new action which may be taken by the School Committee to secure its establishment.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the communication was referred to the Joint Committee on School Houses and Sixth Division.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to establishment of primary classes in school-house on Columbus avenue, Ward 18.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 28, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested through His Honor the Mayor to establish primary classes in the rooms not occupied at present by the kindergarten classes in school-house situated on Columbus avenue, between Ruggles and Prentiss streets, Ward 18.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 28, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 6, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Street Commissioners; award for land on Poplar street taken for school purposes. [See p. 10.]

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, Jan. 27, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with William Robinson upon the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars as payment for his estate numbered two on Poplar street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), upon the said Robinson giving to the city a deed for the same satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of rules; motions to reconsider. [See p. 34.]

Ordered, That Section 30 be stricken out, and the following substituted therefor:

SECTION 30. The action of the Board on any question may be reconsidered at the same meeting, by a majority of the members present; or, if any member

who is not shown by a yea and nay vote to have voted against the prevailing side shall give notice to the Secretary, before five o'clock P.M. of the next day but one following that on which the meeting was held, of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Only one motion for this purpose shall be in order.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; resolutions adopted by Shurtleff School Alumnæ relative to illustrated art lectures in the public schools.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Feb. 9, 1897.

To the President of the School Committee:

DEAR SIR: The enclosed copy of a series of resolutions adopted by the Shurtleff School Alumnæ Association has been forwarded to me with the request that I read it before the School Board. In submitting it to the School Committee, I suggest that it be referred to the Committee on Drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SHURTLEFF SCHOOL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That the power to appreciate the beauties of pure art betokens in the individual the possession of moral and æsthetic qualities; also that such taste, when brought under further cultivation by a judicious course of study in the different branches of art, tends to broaden the mind and strengthen the character.

Resolved, That the study of art in its highest phases is an essential feature in the curriculum of the public schools; and that appropriate illustrations of the world's masterpieces in architecture, sculpture, and painting would greatly aid in the instruction of pupils in this branch of knowledge.

Resolved, That the Shurtleff School Alumnæ Association petition the School Board of Boston to introduce into the public schools of the city a permanent course of illustrated art lectures, the illustrations to consist of stereopticon pictures, copied from the best works of the masters in architecture, sculpture, and painting.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions shall be sent to the Superintendent of Schools, to be read at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Eleanor S. Wolff, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1896.

Dillaway District. — Anna M. Balch, Mary L. Shepard, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Edward Everett District. — Florence N. Sloane, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lowell District. — Martha C. McGowan, assistant, Primary School, Feb. 1, 1897.

Mather District. — Clara A. Jordan, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bowditch District. — Aloyse B. Tiernay, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Phillips District. — Hattie Browne, from Dec. 14, 1896.

Everett Kindergarten. — Sadie N. Stall, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 2, 1897.

Everett District. — Bertha L. Mulloney, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 9, 1897.

Harris District. — Susan J. Berigan, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 2, 1897.

Lewis District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 9, 1897.

Lowell District. — Mary G. Hudson, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Mather District. — Mary F. O'Brien, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 6, 1897.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 2, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Charles Sumner District. — Jennie A. Owens, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 6, 1897. Election of teachers on probation.

Christopher Gibson District. — Ida L. Boyden, sub-master, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Dillaway District. — Anna M. Balch, Mary L. Shepard, first assistants, Primary Schools, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Edward Everett District. — Florence N. Sloane, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Eliot District. — Martha J. Ambrose, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 5, 1897; Susie F. Jordan, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Frothingham District. — Margaret A. Mernin, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Mather District. — Clara A. Jordan, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Phillips District. — Clara A. McNamee, Julia E. Sullivan, assistants, Grammar School, from Mar. 1, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart, Kindergarten. — Alice R. Eliot, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the nomination on probation of Ida L. Boyden, as sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District, was recommitted to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Accepted, and the nominations on probation as presented by the Committee on Nominations, with the exception of that of Miss Boyden, confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brighton High School. — Eunice A. Critchett, assistant.

West Roxbury High School. — Blanche G. Wetherbee, assistant.

Phillips District. — Sarah F. Cole, assistant, Grammar School.

Quincy District. — Angie C. Damon, first assistant, Grammar School; Bridget A. Foley, Theresa A. Mullen, assistants, Grammar School.

Rice Training School. — Sarah E. Bowers, Clara C. Dunn, Mattie H. Jackson, Emma L. Wyman, assistants.

Roger Clap District. — Charlotte K. Holmes, assistant, Primary School.

Washington Allston District. — Leona J. Sheehan, Elsie L. Travis, assistants, Primary School.

North Margin-street Kindergarten. — Fannie L. Plimpton, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Eliot School. — Assistant, Annie A. Doran, from Jan. 8, 1897.

Washington Allston School. — Assistants, Perouz

L. Seyranian, from Jan. 22, 1897; Margaret E. DeVere, from Jan. 25, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Kindergartens.

Transfers of teachers.

Cook School. — Lucy Kummer, principal, to the same position in the Martin School, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Howe School. — Edith S. Emery, assistant, to the same position in the Walnut-street School, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Martin School. — Lillian B. Poor, principal, to the same position in the Hillside School, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Quincy-street School. — Mary T. Mears, principal, to the same position in the Cook School, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Cora K. Pierce, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the East Fourth-street School, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Walnut-street School. — Sarah T. Whitmarsh, assistant, to the same position in the Thetford-street School, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Girls' High School. — Elizabeth L. Smith, assistant, from Jan. 8, 1897, until May 8, 1897; Sarah E. Potter, substitute.

Dudley District. — Ida S. Hammerle, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 21, 1897, until May 21, 1897; Sarah Kallman, substitute.

Eliot District. — Marcella E. Donegan, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 4, 1897, until March 4, 1897; Viola M. Allen, substitute.

Hyde District. — Esther H. Fletcher, first assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 3, 1897, until May 3, 1897; Emma S. Gulliver, substitute.

Phillips District. — Louise H. Hinckley, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897.

Cook Kindergarten. — Elizabeth Niel, assistant, from Jan. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897; Frances A. Green, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary arrangements of Stephen M. Weld School-house. [See p. 40.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — January 26 — an order urging them to remedy the defects in the sanitary arrangements of the Stephen M. Weld School-house, reported that plans and specifications for this purpose have been prepared, but the work will have to await the laying of a sewer in the street.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for West End School house site, additional.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

West End School-house site, additional, $70,000.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Poplar street for school purposes. [See p. 44.]

Ordered, That there be paid to William Robinson, the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars ($9,850) as payment for his estate numbered two on

Poplar street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), upon the said Robinson giving to the city a deed for the same satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Bridget E. Gaffney the sum of seventeen thousand dollars ($17,000) as payment for her estate numbered eighty-eight on Chambers street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Gaffney giving to the city a deed for the same satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of land on Chambers street for school purposes. [See p. 10.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to authorize the Mayor to execute to Ada Cohen, Martha G. Bancroft, Hannah Walsh, Max Rosenthal, William K. Porter, and Hugh McLaughlin, severally, a deed conveying to each, and the heirs and assigns of each, a right of way in the passageway three feet wide as now laid out from Chambers street in said city over the southerly side of the school-house lot on Chambers and Poplar streets, such right of way to be appurtenant to the estate of each grantee situated on Allen street in said city and abutting on said passageway.

Right of way in passageway over southerly side of West End school-house lot executed to Ada Cohen, Martha G. Bancroft, Hannah Walsh, Max Rosenthal, William K. Porter, and Hugh McLaughlin.

Mr. Dunn, for same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to ascertain and report the expense that would be incurred by taking a site on Bartlett and Elm streets, Charlestown, for school purposes, reported that they have given the order their attention, and do not consider it within the province of the School Committee to request the Board of Street Commis-

Report of Committee on School Houses; expense of taking site on Elm and Bartlett streets, Charlestown, for school purposes. [See p. 41.]

sioners to furnish such information. Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 provides that the Board of Street Commissioners shall take land for school purposes on request of the School Committee, with the approval of the Mayor, but no provision is made that they shall first report as to the expense of such taking.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on the Fifth Division; case of Annie M. Trundy.

Mr. Liebmann, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, presented a report of that committee relative to the service of Mrs. Annie M. Trundy, a teacher in the Sherwin School. Appended to the report was the following order:

Ordered, That leave of absence from Jan. 16, 1897, until Aug. 31, 1897, be granted to Annie M. Trundy, assistant, Grammar School, in the Sherwin District, and that Susan L. Mara be approved as her substitute from Jan. 16, 1897.

The report was accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Examinations relative to course of study in Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 39.]

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — a course of study for the Mechanic Arts High School, reported that this committee have given their attention to the same, and recommend the adoption by the Board of the course as presented by the Committee on Manual Training.

Accepted, and the course of study adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Edition of course of study, Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That twenty-five hundred copies of the Course of Study for the Mechanic Arts High School be printed.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Salary of Mary E. O'Leary.

Ordered, That Mary E. O'Leary, assistant, Primary

School, in the Wells District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 22, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That a room for wood-working be provided and equipped in the basement of the Phillips School.

Equipment of wood-working room in Phillips School-house.

Referred to the Committee on Manual Training.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the following order, passed at the last meeting of the Board, was rescinded:

Order requesting Committee on School Houses to fit up rooms for wood-working classes in Hugh O'Brien and Comins School-houses rescinded. [See p. 39.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up rooms for wood-working classes in the Hugh O'Brien and Comins School-houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training be allowed to fit up Schools of Cookery in the Hugh O'Brien and Comins School-houses.

Committee on Manual Training to fit up Schools of Cookery in Hugh O'Brien and Comins School-houses.

Mrs. Fifield moved the passage of the order, under a suspension of the rules.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That an expenditure not exceeding three hundred dollars ($300) be allowed for the expenses of the Superintendent and such members of the Board of Supervisors as may desire to attend the convention of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, to be held shortly in Indianapolis, Ind.

Expenditure for Superintendent and Board of Supervisors to visit Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Payment to Emma S. Gulliver.

Ordered, That there be paid to Emma S. Gulliver the sum of seventy dollars ($70) for services performed in the Mather School from Nov. 30, 1896, to Dec. 24, 1896, during which time the school was without a submaster.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Salaries of Instructor in Chemistry and Laboratory Assistant, Girls' High School.

Ordered, That the Instructor in Chemistry and the Laboratory Assistant in the Girls' High School receive the same proportionate increase in salary granted to other instructors last year.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Amendment of Rules relative to naming of school districts.

Ordered, That the rule on page 5, Chapter 1, Section 3, be amended by striking out, after the word "designate," in the third line, all the rest of the sentence.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Amendment of Regulations relative to tardiness of pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report as to the expediency of amending Section 235 of the Regulations by striking out that portion of said section not in conformity with the provisions of Section 215.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Extension of term of Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to extend for two weeks the terms of such of the Evening Schools as in their judgment will be profitable, and that schools so extended close this year on Friday evening, March 26, 1897.

Passed unanimously, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Ordered, That William B. Shea, truant officer, be directed, in the name of the city of Boston, to prosecute Oscar F. Doe, living on Kilton street, in the Dorchester District, for neglect of the duty prescribed in Section 1 of Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

Prosecution of Oscar F. Doe.

Mr. Calderwood presented the following:

Petition from citizens of West Roxbury District relative to new building for West Roxbury High School.

We, the undersigned, residents of Wards 22 and 23, respectfully represent to the School Committee of the City of Boston that the building of the West Roxbury High School is entirely inadequate for the present and prospective needs of the school; that the efficiency of the school is seriously impaired by the lack of suitable facilities for its work; that the rapid growth of the school population of the West Roxbury District makes it imperative that there should be no delay in beginning the work of providing increased accommodations for the High School.

Adjoining land having already been purchased, in 1892, in anticipation of this need, we respectfully petition your honorable body that the addition to the present building then contemplated may be built at as early a date as practicable.

FEBRUARY, 1897. Signed by

SAMUEL D. CAPEN,
HENRY P. BOWDITCH,
JAMES C. DAVIS,
and thirty-two others of Jamaica Plain;
S. B. STEBBINS,
and twenty-seven others of Roslindale;
J. ADAMS BROWN,
and forty-seven others of West Roxbury;
ELLIS MENDELL,
and nineteen others of Egleston square and Boylston street.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 23, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 4, 1897.

Communication from City Council; school sessions in stormy weather.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the members of the City Council of the City of Boston, prompt and immediate action should be taken by the School Committee for the protection of the health and lives of the children attending the public schools, by authorizing some one at School Committee headquarters to decide as to school sessions in stormy weather, and to provide some means of informing the public when it is decided that no sessions shall be held, in case of a severe storm, in season to prevent the children from starting for school.

Ordered, That a copy of this resolve be forwarded to the School Committee.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, February 8, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN
City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to remarks alleged to have been made by teacher in Lawrence School.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 11, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to investigate in regard to remarks alleged to have been made by Miss Charlotte L. Voigt, a teacher in the Lawrence School, South Boston, as set forth in the Boston papers on Feb. 11, 1897, and that said committee take such action as they may deem expedient.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 11, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 15, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the communication was referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division with the Superintendent and Board of Supervisors.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Frothingham District. — Fanny M. Lamson, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Harvard District. — Agnes A. Herlihy, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Plummer Kindergarten. — Mabel J. Houlahan, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Boys' Latin School. — William W. Howe, junior-master, from Dec. 16, 1896, to Dec. 24, 1896, inclusive.

East Boston High School. — Gracia E. Read, assistant, from Feb. 26, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Frothingham District. — Fanny M. Lamson, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Harvard District. — Agnes A. Herlihy, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Jennie M. Pray, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 11, 1897.

Lowell District. — Amy W. Watkins, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from March 1, 1897.

Cyrus Alger Kindergarten. — Marita M. Burdett, assistant, from Jan. 26, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

George Putnam District. — Orphise A. Morand, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teacher confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in an Evening School.

Mather School. — Assistants, George S. Berry, Jr., True W. White, from Jan. 4, 1897; George A. Arnold, from Jan. 5, 1897; Mary E. Clapp, Margaret H. Manning, Margaret E. Roche, William R. Taylor, from Jan. 6, 1897; Ann M. Mitchell, from Jan. 7, 1897; Laura A. Ells, from Jan. 8, 1897; Charles W. Turner, from Feb. 2, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Edward Everett District. — Florence A. Goodfellow, assistant, Grammar School, to the position of assistant, Primary School, in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Lawrence District. — Elinor F. Buckley, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, on probation, in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Shurtleff District. — Marguerite S. Clapp, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Wells District. — Selina A. Black, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Roxbury High School. — Persis P. Drake, assistant, from Jan. 18, 1897, until Feb. 12, 1897; Lilian B. Matthewson, substitute.

Rice Training School. — Mabel I. Emerson, assistant, from Jan. 8, 1897, until May 8, 1897; Susan H. Nugent, substitute.

Bailey-street Kindergarten. — Mary B. Pope, assistant, from Feb. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897; Hattie Browne, substitute.

Instructor in Sewing. — Sarah J. Bray, from Jan. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897; Margaret McDonald, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made:

Appropriations for small wooden buildings.

Small wooden building in yard of Chapman School-house, additional . . .	$201 81
Small wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house, additional . .	337 92
Small wooden building in yard of Lowell School-house, additional . . .	69 52
Washington Allston Annex (Allston Club-House), furnishing, additional . .	42 29

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order that the Committee on Manual Training be allowed to fit up schools of cookery in the Hugh O'Brien and Comins School-houses, reported that your committee have obtained estimates as follows for fitting up rooms for use as suggested in the order referred:

Report of Committee on School Houses; Committee on Manual Training to fit up schools of cookery in Hugh O'Brien and Comins School-houses. [See p. 53.]

Tables, dresser, refrigerator for window, and wood-box, to be made in a plain strong way	$97 00
Plumbing	50 00
Gas-fitting	35 00
Gas-range	20 00
Total	$202 00

If the tables, dresser, etc., are built in a more modern way, it would cost $56 additional, and if the tables,

dresser, etc., are built dovetailed and panelled, it will cost $118 additional.

Each school fitted plain would cost . .	$202 00
" " " modern " " . .	258 00
" " " dovetailed and panelled would cost	320 00

To any of the above figures, if a portable range is used instead of a gas-range, add $30.

Your committee understand, however, that it is the intention of the Committee on Manual Training to establish other schools of cookery in addition to those named in the order, during the present year, and they recommend that action on this matter be deferred until it is ascertained how many additional schools of cookery the Committee on Manual Training propose to establish.

The report was not accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Hiram M. George. [See p. 39.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that Hiram M. George, master of the Tileston District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Jan. 1, 1897, reported that after careful consideration your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to pass the order.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Ella F. Burbank.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that Ella F. Burbank, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1896, reported that inasmuch as the committee have under consideration the payment to instructors in the service of the city, who,

during the year preceding their anniversary on or after Sept. 1, 1897, receive under the new schedule of salaries an amount less than they would have received under the old schedule, for the month in which their anniversary occurs in addition to their salary for said month, a sum that will make good the loss incurred for one year from the anniversary of their appointment on or after Sept. 1, 1896, your committee recommend that no action be taken on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Emma S. Gulliver. [See p. 54.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order relative to the payment of seventy dollars to Emma S. Gulliver for services performed in the Mather School, reported that in the opinion of this committee the request contained in the order is a just one, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Emma S. Gulliver the sum of seventy dollars ($70) for services performed in the Mather School from Nov. 30, 1896, to Dec. 24, 1896, during which time the school was without a submaster.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary E. O'Leary. [See pp. 52, 53.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order that Mary E. O'Leary, assistant, Primary School, in the Wells District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 22, 1896, reported that Miss O'Leary resigned from the Bowdoin District, on account of illness, Nov. 14, 1894. At the time of her resignation she was receiving $744 a year, but on her return to the service she was placed upon the fourth year in her rank (three years' credit being the maximum allowed under the

rules) and is receiving $696 a year. In the opinion of your committee Miss O'Leary's salary should not be reduced upon her return to the service, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Mary E. O'Leary, assistant, Primary School, in the Wells District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 22, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Appointment of Superintendent of School Buildings, and organization of department for building and repair of school buildings.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider and to report to this Board at its next meeting whether it is expedient for this Board to appoint a Superintendent of School Buildings and to organize a department for the building and repair of school buildings which shall be subject to the exclusive control of this Board.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Payment to Perouz L. Seyranian.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-two dollars ($22) be paid to Perouz L. Seyranian for services rendered as instructor in the Washington Allston Evening School from Jan. 7 to Jan. 21, 1897, inclusive.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Death of Sarah A. Curran.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the death of Sarah A. Curran, late assistant, Grammar School, in the Lincoln District.

Accepted.

Annual report for 1896.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Annual Report, presented the annual report of the School Committee for 1896.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, exclusion of pupils from school on

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that the Superintendent be requested to report how far section 233 of the Rules and Regulations, with

regard to the exclusion of pupils from the schools on account of measles, is observed, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

account of measles. [See p. 42.]

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to report how far section 233 of the Rules and Regulations, with regard to the exclusion of pupils from the schools for a period of two weeks after death, recovery, or removal of pupil or any member of household who has been sick with measles, is observed.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the matter of school trust funds.

Special committee on school trust funds.

Subsequently the Chair appointed as such committee, Messrs. Calderwood, Bateman, and Paul.

Approved.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations relative to approval of examination questions.

SECTION 278. Strike out the section after the word "Supervisors," in the sixth line.

SECTION 292. Strike out after the word "Supervisors," in the twelfth line, the words "and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

SECTION 336. Strike out the section after the word "Supervisors," in the tenth line.

SECTION 337. Strike out after the word "Supervisors," in the fifth and sixth lines, the words "and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Joint Committee on Ninth and Sixth Divisions; change in boundary lines of Roger Clap District.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Joint Committee on Ninth and Sixth Divisions, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that the boundary lines of the Roger Clap District be changed so that they will be as they were prior to Jan. 4, 1897, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Payment to Elizabeth Pye.

Ordered, That the sum of forty-five dollars ($45) be paid to Elizabeth Pye for services rendered as teacher of sewing in the Christopher Gibson District, from Oct. 16, 1896, to March 1, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Eighth Division, offered the following:

Sanitary arrangements of Charles Sumner School-house.

Ordered, That the sanitary arrangements of the Charles Sumner School-house be changed so as to be connected with the sewer.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Committee on Manual Training to fit up school kitchen in Comins School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training be allowed to fit up a school kitchen in the Comins School-house.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Accommodations for Normal School.

Ordered, That more ample accommodations be provided for the Boston Normal School.

Referred to the Joint Committee on School Houses and Normal School.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That a second sub-master be allowed in the Henry L. Pierce District.

Second sub-master allowed in Henry L. Pierce District. Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules, fifteen members voting in the affirmative.

The Chair read the following:

FEBRUARY 20, 1897.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: At the last meeting of the Dorchester Historical Society, held at the Blake House, Thursday evening, February 18th, it was voted to petition your honorable body that school-houses built in future in Dorchester shall be designated by the names of those who taught her youth in her earlier days.

Communication from Dorchester Historical Society; naming of school-houses in Dorchester.

Very respectfully,

WILLIS B. MENDUM,

Secretary Dorchester Historical Society.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the vacant lot of land at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, be thrown open for use as a playground for the benefit of the children of that section; and that the signs prohibiting trespassing on said lot be removed.

Use of vacant lot of land on Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, as a playground.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bateman moved that the vote whereby the report presented by the Committee on School Houses at the preceding meeting, relative to requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to ascertain the expense of taking a site on Elm and Bartlett streets, Charlestown, for school purposes, was accepted, be reconsidered.

Reconsideration of vote accepting report of Committee on School Houses relative to expense of taking land in Charlestown. [See pp. 41, 51, 52.]

Lost.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Additional Primary accommodations in Warren District.

Ordered, That measures be at once taken to provide additional Primary accommodations in the Warren District.

Referred to the Committee on the Second Division.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Meetings of standing committees.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider and report some plan that shall systematize the holding of meetings of standing committees of this Board, to the end that the present duplication of committee meetings with the same membership, at the same hour, may be avoided, time valuable to every member saved, the transaction of important business facilitated, and greater efficiency secured.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, it was

Teaching of swimming in public schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training be requested to consider and report upon the advisability and expediency of teaching swimming in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, it was

Committee on School Houses to investigate entrances to school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to investigate the entrances of the different schools in the city to prevent such accidents in the future as happened at the recent fire in the Everett School.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from L. Foster Morse *et als.*; taking of land on Ruthven street, Roxbury, for school purposes.

To the Honorable Board of School Committee of the City of Boston:

We the undersigned citizens of the city of Boston hereby petition that the lot of land on Ruthven street, Roxbury, Ward 21 (being the lot of land directly in the rear of the Homestead-street School), be taken by the city of Boston for school purposes, as the present accommodations are insufficient to accommodate the present demand on account of the large growth and the rapid increase in population in this district.

L. FOSTER MORSE,
and fourteen others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair presented a petition signed by J. H. Aykroyd and ninety-three others, asking that a school-house for Primary children may be provided in the vicinity of Wordsworth street, Ward 1.

Petition of J. H. Aykroyd *et als.*; school-house for Primary children in vicinity of Wordsworth street, Ward 1.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 9, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, March 8, 1897.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Allen street taken for school purposes.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Hugh McLaughlin upon the sum of seventy-eight hundred dollars and the conveyance to him and his heirs and assigns, by the city of Boston, of a right of way in the passageway three feet wide as now laid out from Chambers street over the southerly side of the school-house lot of Chambers and Poplar streets for the part of his estate numbered one on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said McLaughlin giving to the city a deed for the portion of his said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, March 1, 1897.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Allen street taken for school purposes.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with William K. Porter upon the sum of seven thousand dollars and the conveyance to him and his heirs and assigns, by the

city of Boston, of a right of way in the passageway three feet wide as now laid out from Chambers street over the southerly side of the school-house lot of Chambers and Poplar streets for the part of his estate numbered three on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Porter giving to the city a deed for the portion of his said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Allen street taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, March 1, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Hannah Walsh upon the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars and the conveyance to her and her heirs and assigns, by the city of Boston, of a right of way in the passageway three feet wide as now laid out from Chambers street over the southerly side of the school-house lot of Chambers and Poplar streets for the part of her estate numbered seven on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Walsh giving to the city a deed for the portion of her said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Everett District. — Helen G. McElwain, assistant, Primary School, March 1, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary E. Nichols, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, first assistant, Grammar School, April 1, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Edward Everett District. — Sarah Kallman, from Feb. 24, 1897. Special assistant.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bigelow District. — W. Helena Hussey, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 15, 1897. Temporary teachers.

Chapman District. — Gertrude M. Dimick, assistant, Primary School, from March 8, 1897.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Thing, assistant, Grammar School, from March 8, 1897, to April 12, 1897.

Christopher Gibson District. — Joseph T. F. Burrell, assistant, Grammar School, from March 8, 1897.

Emerson District. — Ethel C. Brown, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 20, 1897.

Hancock District. — Ella A. Curtis, assistant, Grammar School, Mary J. Ryan, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1897.

Lewis District. — Emma F. Wilson, assistant, Primary School, from March 3, 1897.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Kent, assistant, Grammar School, from March 8, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Alice L. Manning, instructor, from Dec. 10, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary E. Nichols, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lyman District. — Nellie M. Porter, first assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1897.

Manual Training Schools. — Augusta C. Beckwith, assistant instructor, from March 1, 1897.

Mr. Bateman moved that the nomination of Nellie M. Porter, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Lyman District, be recommitted to the Committee on the First Division.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the nominations on probation as presented by the Committee on Nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

John A. Andrew District. — Alice E. Dacy, assistant, Grammar School.

Minot District. — Amy K. Pickett, assistant, Primary School.

Quincy District. — Vyra L. Tozier, assistant, Grammar School.

Tileston District. — Emma L. Samuels, assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Denison House. — Gertrude L. Watson, principal.

Mather School. — Mary Wall, principal.

Tyler-street School. — Caroline M. Burke, principal.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted the following-named teachers,

for the term specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Bennett District. — Annie R. Cox, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 15, 1897, until June 15, 1897; Mabel L. Chapman, substitute.

Bowditch District. — Alice M. Robinson, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 23, 1897, until April 5, 1897; Jennie M. Jackson, substitute.

Christopher Gibson District. — Flora E. Billings, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1897, until April 12, 1897; Katherine E. Cotter, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Mary K. Wallace, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 15, 1897, until April 2, 1897; Catherine G. Foley, substitute.

Dudley District. — Abby S. Nichols, assistant, Grammar School, from March 3, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Alice M. Crowell, substitute.

Lawrence District. — Elizabeth J. Andrews, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1897, until June 1, 1897; Filena H. Colby, substitute. Sarah M. Brown, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1897, until June 1, 1897; Martha J. Krey, substitute.

Report of Committee on Nominations; nomination on probation of Emma F. Gallagher.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the following nomination on probation:

Dwight District.— Emma F. Gallagher, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Purchase of land on Allen street for school purposes. [See p. 72.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Hannah Walsh the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars ($6,500) as payment for the part of her estate numbered seven on Allen street,

taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Walsh giving to the city a deed for the portion of her estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Allen street for school purposes. [See p. 72.]

Ordered, That there be paid to William K. Porter the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) for the part of his estate numbered three on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Porter giving to the city a deed for the portion of his said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from L. Foster Morse *et als.*; taking of land on Ruthven street, Roxbury, for school purposes. [See p. 68.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — a petition signed by L. Foster Morse and fourteen others asking that a lot of land on Ruthven street, Roxbury, directly in the rear of the Homestead-street School, be taken for school purposes, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient at the present time to take the lot suggested. Your committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Dorchester Historical Society; naming of school-houses in Dorchester. [See p. 67.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — a petition from the Dorchester Historical Society, asking that school-houses built in future in Dorchester be designated by the names of those who taught her youth in her earlier days, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and recommend that the petition requires no action on the part of the Board at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order that the sanitary arrangements of the Charles Sumner School-house be changed so as to be connected with the sewer, reported that they have given the matter attention, and hope to be able to have the change suggested made during the vacation. They recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary arrangements of Charles Sumner School-house. [See p. 66.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — a petition signed by J. H. Aykroyd and ninety-three others, asking that a school-house be placed in the vicinity of Wordsworth street, East Boston, reported that they have given the matter attention. Your committee have no funds, however, which can be expended for the purpose named, and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition of J. H. Aykroyd *et als.;* school-house for primary children in vicinity of Wordsworth street, Ward 1. [See p. 69.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — Jan. 26 — a report of this committee, relative to petitioning the General Court for authority to expend $800,000 for school purposes this year, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, reported that they have given careful consideration to the matter, and are of the opinion that not less than $1,000,000 is necessary to provide such additional High and Latin School accommodations as are now urgently needed. They are unable to specify the amount that will be necessary for the several school-houses separately, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition to General Court relative to money available for year 1897. [See p. 29.]

Ordered, That the President of the School Com-

mittee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for an additional amount of $1,000,000 to be expended by this Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 for additional High and Latin School accommodations.

Accepted, and the order passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of Superintendent of School Buildings, and organization of department for building and repair of school buildings. [See p. 64.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, who were requested — Feb. 23 — to consider and report to this Board whether it is expedient for this Board to appoint a Superintendent of School Buildings, and to organize a department for the building and repair of school buildings which shall be subject to the exclusive control of this Board, reported that your committee have given this matter their careful and earnest consideration, and recommend that in their opinion it is expedient for the Board to appoint a Superintendent of School Buildings and to organize a department, as suggested in the order referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following:

The Committee on School Houses desire to make the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; striking out from contract clause requiring contractors to give preference in employment to members of several trades unions.

At the meeting of the Board, Dec. 8, 1896, the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house in the Brighton District were approved by the Board, and the Committee on School Houses authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make in behalf of the Board the necessary contracts for such work subject to the approval of the Mayor. By order of the Mayor a clause requiring the contractor to give preference in employment on the work to members of the several trades unions was inserted without the

knowledge or authority of the Committee on School Houses. This clause was stricken from the contract by the authority of this committee, the contract duly awarded to the lowest bidder, and sent to the Mayor for his approval, which the Mayor has refused to give, solely for the reason that the clause referred to had been stricken out; and your committee therefore submit the matter for the information of the Board, and ask for further instructions.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Paul, it was

Nomination of Superintendent of Buildings and plan for organization of Building Department.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to transmit to the Committee on Nominations a nomination for Superintendent of School Buildings, and to report at the next meeting of the Board a plan for the organization of a Building Department, as suggested in the report of the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from Central Labor Union relative to voting contest.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication from the Central Labor Union relative to a voting contest then being carried on by the "Boston Globe," reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend that no action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from Superintendent of Schools; exceptions to carrying out of Regula-

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — a communication from the Superintendent of Schools relative to the amendment of the Regulations with regard to required instruction by masters in the schools, reported that this matter has received careful consideration. In the opinion of the

tions relative to instruction by masters. [See pp. 22, 23.]

committee, every master should be free, so far as the Regulations are concerned, to use his time in whatsoever part of his district his presence might do the most good, and in whatsoever manner he deems best for the whole of his schools, as suggested in the communication from the Superintendent referred. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 196. Strike out the section after the word "districts" in the third and fourth lines.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations relative to approval of examination questions. [See p. 65.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order that the Regulations be amended relative to the approval of questions for admission to the Latin and High Schools, and for the diplomas of the Evening Elementary Schools and certificates of the Evening High School, reported that in the opinion of your committee the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 278. Strike out the section after the word "Supervisors" in the sixth line.

SECTION 292. Strike out after the word "Supervisors," in the twelfth line, the words "and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

SECTION 336. Strike out the section after the word "Supervisors" in the tenth line.

SECTION 337. Strike out after the word "Supervisors," in the fifth and sixth lines, the words "and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — Feb. 9 — an order with reference to the

amendment of the Rules relative to motions to reconsider, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Regulations; amendment of rules; motions to reconsider. [See pp. 34, 44, 45.]

Ordered, That Section 30 of the Rules be stricken out, and the following substituted therefor:

SECTION 30. The action of the Board on any question may be reconsidered at the same meeting, by a majority of the members present; or if any member who is not shown by a yea and nay vote to have voted against the prevailing side shall give notice to the Secretary before five o'clock, P.M., of the next day but one following that on which the meeting was held, of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Only one motion for this purpose shall be in order.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; meetings of standing committees. [See p. 68.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, who were requested — Feb. 23 — to consider and report some plan that shall systematize the holding of meetings of standing committees of this Board, to the end that the present duplication of committee meetings with the same membership, at the same hour, may be avoided, time valuable to every member saved, the transaction of important business facilitated, and greater efficiency secured, reported that the order referred has received the careful attention of this committee. In their opinion the Regulations should be amended in order to provide some systematic method for arranging the meetings of the sub-committees of the Board, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 136. Insert after the word "thereof," in the fourth line, the following words: "arranging the times of such meetings so far as practicable so that no member

shall be called to attend different meetings at the same day and hour."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations relative to tardiness of pupils. [See p. 54.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, who were requested — Feb. 9 — to report as to the expediency of amending Section 235 of the Regulations by striking out that portion of said section not in conformity with the provisions of Section 215, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 215. Strike out the section after the words "to begin" in the third line.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from City Council; school sessions in stormy weather. [See p. 57.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — a communication from the City Council relative to the suspension of school sessions on stormy days, reported that this matter has been before the Board several times. In the year 1894 an order was introduced to provide for the suspension of the morning sessions of the public schools whenever, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the condition of the weather was such that the health of the pupils would be injured by their attendance upon that session. The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom the order was referred, presented the following report, which is also a statement of the facts as they exist to-day:

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Nov. 27 — an order "that the Superintendent be authorized to discontinue the morning sessions of the public schools whenever, in his opinion, the condition of the weather is such that the health of the pupils will be injured by their attendance upon that session, and that he be authorized to make similar arrangements to apply to this session as now exist in relation to the afternoon session," report that there are undoubtedly good reasons for considering such a proposi-

tion favorably, but upon investigation doubts arise concerning the practical difficulties and objections to be overcome. Many years ago the School Committee passed a vote providing for the suspension of the morning sessions of the schools in very stormy weather, and at the very next meeting rescinded the vote on account of an unfortunate demonstration of the practical working of the plan. It is perhaps sufficient to state that the day on which the signal for no school was given proved to be one of the finest of the season. In 1876 a regulation providing for no morning session of the schools in stormy weather was adopted, and after trial of one year this regulation was abolished. Ten years later, when this experience had passed from the memory of the members of the Board, the proposition was renewed, and the Committee on Rules and Regulations of 1886 reported that it was inexpedient to adopt the suggestion. In November, 1888, the Committee on Rules and Regulations were requested to consider the expediency of providing a signal for no morning session of the schools whenever a severe storm was in progress. This committee in their report stated that there were "no fire-alarm bells in the city proper north of Dover street, with the exception of the bell on Faneuil Hall, and therefore no signal could be given to the residents of this large district. In view of this fact, and for many other reasons unnecessary to mention in this report, your committee consider the order impracticable, and that it is inexpedient to take further action in the matter." This report was laid on the table, and in the succeeding February (1889) was taken up for consideration, and referred to the Committee on School Houses. The latter committee reported that they believed there were strong reasons why a signal to dispense with the morning sessions of the schools should be given; that in their opinion the chief objection to the proposition would be removed if some provision could be made to notify the people where the bells had been cut out. On the recommendation of that committee, the Board requested the City Council to replace three fire-alarm bells in the city proper so that the signal could be given. The bells were not replaced, and here the subject has rested until the present time. We give these facts to show that this matter has been previously carefully considered. The Fire Department have continued the cutting out of the fire-alarm bells. The dispensing with the bells we believe is one of the chief objections to giving the morning signal. We understand that the bells are being cut out as rapidly as the engine companies are made permanent. At present the bells north of Northampton street, with the single exception of that on Faneuil Hall, have been cut out. At present the masters can send pupils to the nearest police station

or engine-house at a quarter before twelve and thus ascertain if the signal for one session is given. In the morning this could not be done, for there would be no master or pupils at school early in the morning to send for such information, and if the pupils came to school they might as well remain.

There is some doubt if the signals are heard in all sections of the outlying districts, on account of the long distances between the locations of the fire-alarm bells. We are of the opinion that many of the parents now exercise a proper discretion in sending their children out in stormy weather, and we fear there are very many children who if they were not in school would be on the streets.

It has been suggested that pupils sometimes suffer in rank and studies by absences from school in stormy weather. We trust this is but a prejudicial supposition. We should be sorry to believe that any teacher would adopt a practice so unfair and objectionable. Early in the present year this committee was requested to report on the expediency of not recording absences of pupils on account of their inability to reach school on very stormy days. Your committee unanimously reported that it would be very unwise to adopt such a suggestion. There would arise many cases of doubt. What one might consider a very stormy day another might not. There would be many conflicting opinions, and the school statistics would become unreliable and the records falsely kept.

This committee, after a very careful consideration of the order referred, and weighing the advantages of such a plan as proposed, with the practical difficulties in carrying it out, with the experience of the past, and for other reasons, report that the order ought not to pass.

Owing to the cutting out of the fire-alarm bells which prevents the masters of nearly all of the schools from hearing whether the " one-session " signal has been given or not, the Superintendent has authorized the masters to dismiss their schools at the close of the morning sessions at their discretion on stormy days, but in every case of such dismissal they are required to make a written report to him.

Under the present circumstances your committee are unable to report any practicable arrangement for notifying parents and scholars of the suspension of morning

sessions if such should be ordered, and are of the opinion that the present system works as well as any that can be devised without the incurring of considerable expense. They recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that in the judgment of this Board it is inexpedient to take any action in this matter at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on High Schools; distribution of Franklin Medals.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order and amendments relative to the disposition of the Franklin Medals, reported that your committee have given this subject their careful and earnest attention, and have also obtained the views of the Board of Supervisors with regard to the matter, who report that they find that the average number of medals awarded the last six years is twenty-one. If twenty-one medals were to be distributed among all the High Schools at the present time in proportion to the respective number of pupils in their graduating classes, and so as to give each school at least one medal, six of these schools would receive only one medal each, two schools would receive two each, one school three, and two schools four each. In more than half of the schools, therefore, a medal would be used as a prize for the first scholar of the graduating class, while in the remaining schools medals could be given only to the first two, three, or four scholars. Thus the competition for medals would be confined to only a few scholars, and among these emulation would become correspondingly more keen. Under the present basis of distribution eight to fifteen medals are offered in the Boys' Latin School and also in the English High School, and the evils of competition are not so pronounced,

although even in these schools the Board of Supervisors regard the offering of prizes as a questionable policy, and believe that the evil effects will become far more serious if the basis of competition should be narrowed, as it must be if the number of medals offered in each school is decreased, and they also feel that girls should not be admitted to the competition and subjected to the stimulus of prizes.

With the opinion of the Board of Supervisors your committee coincide. They feel unwilling, therefore, to recommend any plan by which the Franklin Medals shall be awarded in any schools other than those in which they are now awarded. As to the continuance of the present plan of distributing these medals among the pupils of the English High and Boys' Latin Schools, your committee are not yet prepared to present a final report. There is an element of historic interest in connection with the awarding of the Franklin Medals to the pupils of these two schools which ought to be taken into account, and which, perhaps, would make it desirable to continue the present method.

However, as this matter will be taken up in connection with the general subject of school trust funds, which a special committee has been appointed to consider, your committee recommend that no further action be taken by the Board at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the report was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; reports on sanitary condition of school-houses.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Physical Training, reported that in accordance with Section 53 of the Rules and Regulations they have called for a report from each master upon the sanitary condition of all buildings under his charge, and present the accompanying synopsis of the various reports received, with

the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Accepted, and the accompanying synopsis of the various reports received was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; communication from Superintendent of Schools; School Committee and teachers invited to attend lecture by Dr. L. J. Cherrington. [See p. 8.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 11 — a communication from Dr. L. J. Cherrington, of Salem, Mass., inviting the members of the School Committee and the teachers of the public schools to attend an illustrated lecture prepared by him, entitled "The Human Workshop," reported that they have duly considered the matter and recommend that Dr. Cherrington have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; teaching of swimming in public schools. [See p. 68.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order requesting them to report upon the advisability of teaching swimming in the public schools, reported that they are not unmindful of the benefits that would result were instruction in this art to be included as a part of the regular system of education, but they are compelled to report adversely upon its adoption for several reasons, of which two are as follows:

1. The various courses of study already adopted by the Board allow no unoccupied time during school hours that could be devoted to swimming.

2. We have no jurisdiction over children outside of school hours.

The City Council has lately taken steps to provide additional bathing facilities, which will undoubtedly afford increased opportunity for children who so desire to obtain instruction in swimming, and your committee recommend that this Board take no action in the matter.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, presented the following:

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; sanitation of school buildings.

The Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, realizing the importance of the proper sanitation of school buildings, and after giving the subject their earnest attention, desire to submit the following report for the consideration of the Board:

The most desirable system for the installation of the necessary sanitary accommodations in school buildings is a matter with regard to which there is a wide divergence of opinion on the part of experts and school authorities. An ideal system must be convenient of access, not likely to get out of repair, durable, easily operated, and, above all else, free from objectionable and unhealthful odors. Various methods have been tried during the last few years for which much has been claimed and little realized. The problem of a perfect system of sanitation has not yet been solved, nor, in the opinion of your committee, is perfection likely to be attained in the near future.

An easy and, we believe, a satisfactory method is within our reach: viz., the separation of the sanitary accommodations from the school building, but in its near vicinity. This arrangement is in use in England, Germany, France, and other European countries, and is meeting with general approbation. The detached buildings in which the requisite facilities are situated are, in some cases, especially in Paris, connected with the school-house by covered passages, thus obviating the necessity of exposing the children to the inclemency of the weather, and providing a convenient means of access.

Such premises can be easily and successfully venti-

lated without the possibility of any offensive odors permeating the school building. They can also be properly heated, either by the main heating-system or by an independent apparatus requiring but little attention on the part of the janitor. Your committee are informed that this method is in successful operation in an adjoining city.

Your committee are aware that it might not be practicable to adopt their recommendation in the more crowded portions of the city, where every foot of yard-room is valuable and the cost of the site is equal or in excess of that of the building, but they believe it desirable to thoroughly test this system in a location where such reasons for its exclusion do not obtain, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That future sanitary accommodations for school-houses, where sufficient yard-room is available, be installed in a detached structure properly heated, adjacent to and connected with the school-house by a covered passage.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Ninth Division; nomination of Ida L. Boyden. [See pp. 47, 48.]

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was recommitted — Feb. 9 — the nomination of Ida L. Boyden as sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District, reported that your committee have given their attention to the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Ida L. Boyden be appointed sub-master, on probation, in the Christopher Gibson District, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Annetta F. Armes.

Ordered, That Annetta F. Armes, assistant, Grammar School, in the Harris District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her rank, to date from March 1, 1897.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Elizabeth Pye. [See p. 66.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order that forty-five dollars be paid to Elizabeth Pye for services as teacher of sewing in the Christopher Gibson District, reported that your committee have duly considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of forty-five dollars ($45) be paid to Elizabeth Pye for services rendered as teacher of sewing in the Christopher Gibson District from Oct. 16, 1896, to March 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Amy Hutchins, Ann M. Mitchell, and Helen E. Chandler. [See p. 40.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order relative to the payment to Amy Hutchins, Ann M. Mitchell, and Helen E. Chandler for services performed in the Bowditch School during the time the school was without a master, reported that your committee have given the matter their attention, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Amy Hutchins, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Bowditch District, the sum of sixty-five and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars ($65.95) for extra services performed during the time which elapsed between the death of the late principal of the Bowditch School, Mr. Charles W. Hill, and the appointment of his successor; and that there be paid to Ann M. Mitchell fifty-three and $\frac{1}{100}$ dollars ($53.01), and to Helen E. Chandler

sixteen and $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars ($16.74) for services performed in the Bowditch School during the same time.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to put in proper condition the plastering in the Margaret Fuller School-house.

Plastering in Margaret Fuller School-house to be put in proper condition.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That a School of Cookery be fitted up in the Comins School-house.

Fitting of School of Cookery in Comins School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bowdlear, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to put Sharon street, Ward 23, in a proper condition, and to cause a sewer to be laid in the street.

Sharon street to be put in proper condition.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the order was amended by substituting for the words "Street Commissioners" the words "Superintendent of Streets."

The order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text Books, offered the following:

Ordered, That "Mottoes and Commentaries of Froebel's Mother Play," translated by Susan E. Blow, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Normal School.

Text-book in Normal School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — a communication from the Superintendent of Schools accompanied by resolutions adopted by the Shurtleff Alumnæ Association relative to incorporating in the course of study in drawing

Report of Committee on Drawing; communication from Superintendent of Schools; resolutions adopted.

by Shurtleff School Alumnæ relative to illustrated art lectures in the public schools. [See p. 45.]

in the public schools a permanent course of illustrated art lectures, reported that this committee are in sympathy with the desire of the petitioners to aid in every way possible the instruction of pupils in the study of art in its highest phases. Your committee are of the opinion that illustrated art lectures would be of benefit to the schools as a part of the course of study in drawing, and it is planned to extend the work of the department of drawing another year so as to meet the request of the petitioners.

Your committee recommend that no further action be taken at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 3, 1897.)

Accepted.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Permission to young men to enter Normal School.

Ordered, That the Normal School be so arranged that young men may enter and join the young women in the same course of study.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Surrender to City Council of Parkman School-house.

Ordered, That the Parkman School-house, Silver street, South Boston, be surrendered to the City Council, said school-house being no longer required for school purposes.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Paul, the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
Office of the Mayor, City Hall, March 9, 1897.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; striking out from contract of clause requiring contractors to give preference in employment to members of trades unions.

To the School Committee:

As I am informed that the question of inserting in contracts for the building of new school-houses a clause requiring preference in employment to be given by the contractor to members of trades unions is to come before your body at its meeting to-night, I think it proper to explain briefly the manner in which the question has arisen, and to indicate my reasons for supporting such a clause.

The Secretary of the School Committee brought to me recently for approval a contract for the erection of a new school-house, in which a clause of the character above referred to appeared in the printed form, as prepared by the Corporation Counsel, but had been stricken out before signing by vote of the Committee on School Houses. The contract did not bear the usual certificate of approval as to form by the Corporation Counsel, who had declined to give it on account of the elimination of this clause from the contract. I informed your Secretary that, as this clause was inserted in pursuance of the general policy which it had seemed proper to the executive to adopt, I did not feel disposed to approve the contract with this clause stricken out, at least unless the question was brought before the whole School Committee and formally voted upon. Without questioning the general authority given by the School Committee to its Committee on School Houses, it seemed to me that I should not assent to the use of a different form of contract by the School Committee from that now used by other departments of the city in the erection of buildings, without the action of the whole committee upon the important question of policy involved.

I take the liberty of indicating the general considerations which led to the insertion of the clause in question in the form of building contracts, by quoting the following from a letter which I recently had occasion to write in regard to this matter:

"There has been for years much complaint on the part of wage-earners against the operation of the unrestricted contract system in the performance of public work. They have argued that, while the proposition that high wages were in the public interest was generally accepted, the policy adopted by municipalities — differing widely from that of private individuals — of awarding contracts to the lowest bidder on unrestricted competitive bids inevitably tended to reduce the highest prevailing rates of wages in the trades affected. Public

bodies — in this State at least — have almost universally adopted the policy of paying the highest market rates of wages to labor employed directly by them; and they have then proceeded to neutralize this policy to a great extent by encouraging contractors to employ as cheap labor as possible, in order to be able to make low bids. Where a considerable degree of mechanical skill is required, as it is in the building trades, this policy results in an inferior quality of work; for it cannot be denied that in any given locality the craftsmen who receive the highest rate of wages do better work than those who receive a lower rate of wages.

"It is of great importance that municipal buildings should be so constructed as to last for a long period of time with a minimum amount of repairs. It will be hardly disputed that public buildings constructed under the unrestricted contract system have by no means been equal to the best buildings erected for business purposes by private individuals. The annual repair bill of the city of Boston is a very large one; in my opinion it would not be as great if a better quality of construction could have been secured in the erection of our public buildings. I have, after a great deal of attention to the subject, come to the conclusion that it is neither good business nor good public policy for this city to continue to award the building contracts without any stipulation as to character of the labor to be employed. The contracts for the largest office buildings recently erected in this city have been awarded, not to the lowest bidders, but to the best builders, employing the best and most highly paid labor. While public bodies are obliged to invite open competitive bids, — not because that is the best method of securing good work at the lowest fair price, but because it is the only way by which corruption or favoritism can be properly guarded against, — they may yet protect themselves, as well as the wage-earners, from some of the evils of the system by inserting in contracts certain provisions as to rates of wages to be paid by the contractor.

"I am strengthened in these conclusions by finding that they are in harmony with the best thought and practice elsewhere, if not here. The London County Council inserts in its contracts a provision that the contractor shall pay the established market rate of wages, and this means in practice the scale fixed by the various trades unions. If it is proper for our national government to impose a vast expense upon the country, through a protective tariff, mainly for the purpose, according to its advocates, of maintaining wages on a high level, it is certainly right for municipalities to see that their contracts do not become an agency for pulling down that which the national government is endeavoring to lift up.

"The form of the condition above mentioned was adopted in the belief that it afforded the simplest and most direct method of securing the payment by the contractor of the established trades-union scale of wages. The object is not to establish discrimination between union and non-union men upon public work, but to ensure the payment to all of the full rate of wages established in the trade, and the consequent performance of a higher quality of work."

If your committee objects to the clause in its present form, but would be willing to accept in its building contracts a clause that the contractor should pay to the men employed by him in the different trades the established union scale of wages in such trades, I should be quite willing to approve contracts containing such a clause.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the communication was laid on the table, and ordered printed.

Mr. Strange offered the following:

Insertion in contracts of clauses requiring contractors to give preference in employment to citizens of Boston and to pay to employees not less than union scale of wages.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to insert in all contracts for the erection of school buildings a clause requiring the contractor to give preference in employment to citizens of Boston, and also a clause requiring the contractor to pay all persons connected with the several trades employed upon the work not less than the union scale of wages established in such trades.

Laid on the table, and ordered printed with the communication from His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 23, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Fifield, and Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, March 15, 1897.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; purchase of land for school purposes on Prince street.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Street Commissioners direct me to inform you that the case of David Flynn, petitioner for damages occasioned him by the taking of land and buildings on Prince street and Bennet avenue, for school purposes, has been settled in court for the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, without interest.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, March 18, 1897.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to new Primary School-house in vicinity of Reed and Thorndike streets, Ward 17.

Ordered, That the School Committee be hereby requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council at its next regular meeting whether or not they have considered the necessity of a new Primary School-house for Ward 17, in the vicinity of Reed and Thorndike streets, and if the matter has been considered what action was taken on the subject.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 18, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 20, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; sanitation of Quincy, Tyler-street, and Brimmer School-houses.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 18, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council why no portion of the $300,000 appropriated for the sanitation and ventilation of school-houses has been expended on the following school-houses, which are sadly in need of repairs, viz.: Quincy School-house, Tyler street; Primary School-house, Tyler street; Brimmer School-house, Common street.

Passed in Common Council, March 18, 1897.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; additional land for Martin School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 18, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to this Council as to the advisability of providing additional land for the Martin School by securing the lot of land now vacant at the corner of Worthington street and Longwood avenue.

Passed in Common Council, March 18, 1897.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; names and addresses of non-resident teachers.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 11, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to furnish to the Common Council a list giving the names and residences of all the teachers employed in the public schools of Boston who are not residents of this city.

Passed in Common Council, March 11, 1897.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; meetings of standing committees. [See pp. 68, 81, 82.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 136. Insert after the word "thereof," in the fourth line, the following words: "arranging the times of such meetings so far as practicable so that no member shall be called to attend different meetings at the same day and hour."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations relative to tardiness of pupils. [See pp. 54, 82.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 215. Strike out the section after the words "to begin," in the third line.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations relative to instruction by masters. [See pp. 22, 23, 79, 80.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 196. Strike out the section after the word "districts," in the third and fourth lines.

Lost.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations relative to approval of examination questions. [See pp. 65, 80.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 278. Strike out the section after the word "Supervisors," in the sixth line.

SECTION 292. Strike out after the word "Supervisors," in the twelfth line, the words "and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

SECTION 336. Strike out the section after the word "Supervisors," in the tenth line.

SECTION 337. Strike out after the word "Supervisors," in the fifth and sixth lines, the words "and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

Passed.

Communication from Boston Branch of Association of Collegiate Alumnæ; manual training for girls.

The Chair presented a communication from the Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ asking that the School Committee consider the advisability of placing greater emphasis on manual training throughout the public school course, and of extending to girls the same opportunity now given to boys in the Mechanic Arts High School by the establishment of a similar school for girls.

Referred to the Committee on Manual Training.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Alla F. Young, assistant, Sept. 1, 1895.

Dwight District. — Emma F. Gallagher, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary E. Nichols, assistant, Primary School, Feb. 1, 1897.

Lewis District. — Almira B. Russell, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lyman District. — Nellie M. Porter, assistant, Primary School, April 1, 1897.

Everett Kindergarten. — Helen L. Duncklee, assistant, Feb. 1, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Mary F. Murphy, from March 8, 1897; Mary G. Hudson, from March 15, 1897. Special assistants.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Adams District. — Mary A. Duston, assistant, Primary School, from March 15, 1897. Temporary teachers.

Dudley District. — Sarah Kallman, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 16, 1896, to Dec. 24, 1896, inclusive.

Franklin District. — Emma F. Luker, assistant, Primary School, from April 12, 1897.

Frothingham District. — Mabel B. LeFavor, assistant, Grammar School, from March 8, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Viola M. I. Clark, assistant, Primary School, from March 8, 1897.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from March 23, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Fanny L. Short, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 16, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, assistant, Grammar School, Laura L. Brown, assistant, Primary School, from March 8, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Everett District. — Lydia F. Willis, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from April 12, 1897. Election of teachers on probation.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Edith A. Scanlan, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Orris L. Beverage, sub-master, from Feb. 23, 1897; Mary E. Nichols, first assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Lewis District. — Almira B. Russell, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lyman District. — Mary F. Moore, Leonora E. Scolley, assistants, Grammar School, from March 1, 1897; Lucy M. Goodwin, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1897.

Prince District. — Florence M. Winslow, assistant, Primary School, second year, from March 8, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Everett School. — Helen L. Duncklee, principal, from Feb. 1, 1897.

Howe School. — Florence H. Murray, assistant, from March 9, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brimmer District. — M. Florence McGlashan, assistant, Grammar School.

Everett District. — Estelle M. Williams, assistant, Primary School.

North Margin-street Kindergarten. — Eliza A. Maguire, principal.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Franklin District. — Lillian Tishler, assistant, Primary School, from March 15, 1897, until June 30, 1897; Florence R. King, substitute.

Lincoln District. — Hannah L. Manson, assistant, Grammar School, from March 8, 1897, until June 8, 1897.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Nominations; candidates for Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on School Houses, reported the following nomination of Superintendent of School Buildings, to date from May 1, 1897:

Superintendent of School Buildings. — Frederick B. Bogan.

Mr. Strange, for the same Committee, on the recommendation of a minority of the Committee on School Houses, reported the following nomination of Superintendent of School Buildings, to date from May 1, 1897:

Superintendent of School Buildings. — Arthur G. Everett.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. Eaton moved that the election of a Superintendent of School Buildings be specially assigned to the next meeting at 8 o'clock, P.M.

Lost by vote of 6 to 13.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Courtney, and Hubbard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Mr. Lowell moved that the doors be closed.

Mr. Strange raised the point of order, that the ballot having been ordered no other motions were in order.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Lowell moved that the vote whereby the Board voted to proceed to ballot be reconsidered.

Lost.

Frederick B. Bogan elected Superintendent of School Buildings.

The committee appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice under the rule, 11. Benjamin M. Cram had 1 vote; Arthur G. Everett had 5 votes; Frederick B. Bogan had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Superintendent of School Buildings, to date from May 1, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Purchase of land for school purposes on Allen street. [See p. 71.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Hugh McLaughlin the sum of seventy-eight hundred dollars ($7,800) as payment for the part of his estate numbered one on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said McLaughlin giving to the city a deed for the portion of his said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of vacant lot of land on Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, as a playground. [See p. 67.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order that the vacant lot of land at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, be thrown open for use as a playground for the benefit of the children of that section, reported that in the opinion of this committee it is inexpedient to recommend the passage of the order.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; tablet for Minot School-house. [See p. 39.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order requesting this committee to place a suitable tablet on the Minot School-house, and to remove the sign from the Walnut-street Primary School-house in the Minot District, reported that the matter has been attended to, and no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That out of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made: Appropriations.

New Primary School-house, North End, site, additional	$100,000 00
One-room building in yard of Munroe-street Primary School-house, building and furnishing, additional . . .	478 59
New Primary School-house, Beech street, West Roxbury, additional . .	558 58

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, who were requested — March 9 — to report at the next meeting of the Board a plan for the organization of a building department, reported that they have given the matter attention, but in their opinion the time allowed is insufficient for the consideration of a subject of such importance. They therefore recommend that they be allowed further time. Report of Committee on School Houses; plan for organization of building department. [See p. 79.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 4, 1897.) Annual report of Committee on Accounts.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Kindergartens be requested to consider and report upon the advisability of abolishing the position of Director of Kindergartens. Abolishing position of Director of Kindergartens.

Mr. Bowdlear, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Additional Primary accommodations in Lowell District.

Ordered, That additional Primary accommodations be provided immediately in the Lowell District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bowdlear, for the same committee, offered the following:

Enlargement of Wyman School-house.

Ordered, That the Wyman School-house in the Lowell District be enlarged by the addition of two rooms in accordance with the original plans and specifications of the building.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bowdlear, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Amy Hutchins.

Ordered, That there be paid to Amy Hutchins, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Bowditch District, for services performed in said school during the time it was without a master, in addition to the $65.95 already voted her by the Board, an amount equal to the salary she would have received had she been elected master of said school.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Additional accommodations for pupils attending Hancock and Eliot School-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide additional accommodations for pupils attending the Hancock and Eliot School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Temporary buildings in yard of Roger Clap School-house.

Ordered, That two one-room temporary buildings be erected in the yard of the Roger Clap School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Extended leave of absence to Gertrude P. Davis.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence from April 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897, be granted to Gertrude P.

Davis, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Minot District.

Passed unanimously, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 232 of the Regulations be amended as follows: Amendment of Regulations relative to transfer cards.

SECTION 232. Add the following to the section: "In every case of transfer two cards shall be given, one to the pupil and one to the Truant Officer."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Manual Training, reported the death of Annie E. Brazer, late instructor of sewing. Death of Annie E. Brazer.

Accepted.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the death of Winifred M. Morse, late assistant, Primary School, in the Prince District. Death of Winifred M. Morse.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange offered the following:

Ordered, That the teachers in the public schools be allowed to announce to their classes the entertainment to be held in the near future in Music Hall for the benefit of the Teachers' Mutual Benefit Association. Announcement to classes of entertainment for benefit of Teachers' Mutual Benefit Association.

Passed unanimously, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to investigate as to the necessity for making further use of the chapel on Chambers street in the Wells District, and to take such action as may be expedient. Use of chapel on Chambers street for school purposes.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the communication from His Honor the Mayor, relative to the striking out from contracts of the clause requiring contractors to give prefer- Communication from His Honor the Mayor; striking out from contract of

clause requiring contractors to give preference in employment to members of trades unions. [See pp. 93, 94, 95.]

ence in employment to members of trades unions, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the following order was taken from the table:

Insertion in contracts of clauses requiring contractors to give preference in employment to citizens of Boston and to pay to employees not less than union scale of wages. [See p. 95.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to insert in all contracts for the erection of school buildings a clause requiring the contractor to give preference in employment to citizens of Boston, and also a clause requiring the contractor to pay all persons connected with the several trades employed upon the work not less than the union scale of wages established in such trades.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the order was divided, the question being taken on the passage of that part of the order relating to the insertion in contracts of a clause requiring contractors to give preference in employment to citizens of Boston, and on the passage of that part of the order relating to the insertion of a clause requiring the contractor to pay all persons connected with the several trades employed upon the work not less than the union scale of wages established in such trades.

That part of the order relating to preference in employment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, McDonald, and Strange — 6.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Bassett, Bateman, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Dunn, Fleischer, Hubbard, Liebmann, Lowell, and Paul — 14.

Absent or not voting. — Mrs. Ames, Mr. Bowdlear, Mrs. Fifield, and Mrs. Keller.

That part of the order relating to wages paid to employees was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, McDonald, and Strange — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Bassett, Bateman, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Dunn, Fleischer, Liebmann, Lowell, and Paul — 13.

Absent or not voting. — Mrs. Ames, Mr. Bowdlear, Mrs. Fifield, and Mrs. Keller.

Mr. Lowell offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed not to insert in their contracts for school construction the clause requiring the contractor to give preference on the work to members of the several trades unions.

Mr. Gallivan moved that the yeas and nays be ordered on the passage of the order.

Lost.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That Mottoes and Commentaries of Froebel's Mother Play, translated by Susan E. Blow, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Normal School.

Text-book in Normal School. [See p. 91.]

Passed, 18 members voting in the affirmative.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Ella E. Johnson and Daniel F. Sullivan, relative to the discharge of several pupils from the Boston Normal School.

Petition of Ella E. Johnson and Daniel F. Sullivan; discharge of pupils from Boston Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

The Chair read the following:

Petition from Daughters of the Revolution, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; use of Dorchester Heights for school purposes.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

823 TREMONT BUILDING, BOSTON, March 20, 1897.

To the School Committee of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: The Daughters of the Revolution, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, feel it their duty respectfully to pray you that, in selecting the site of a new school-house for the High School, you will spare the spot on Dorchester Heights upon which, by the command of Washington, were erected those fortifications the menace of which obliged the British army to evacuate Boston.

The Daughters of the Revolution do this in pursuance of one of the objects of their organization, which was formed for the purpose of cherishing the memory of the events of the American Revolution, not only by diffusing a wider and more accurate knowledge of those events, and of the persons who were actors therein, but of marking all battle-fields and preserving all buildings in which memorable events of the Revolution took place.

The Daughters of the Revolution further respectfully call your attention to the movement now on foot in the Legislature for erecting a monument, commemorative of the evacuation, and suggest that the permanent occupation of Dorchester Heights for any other purpose would perhaps defeat this laudable design.

Daughters of the Revolution, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by

SARAH E. HUNT, *Regent*,
EMMA F. FOSTER, *Secretary*.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 13, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Strange.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Anderson street taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, April 8, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Stephen H. Williams upon the sum of nineteen hundred dollars, as payment for his land on Anderson street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Aug. 5, 1896 (taking recorded same day), upon said Williams giving to the city a deed for his land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Chambers street taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, April 7, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Georgianna D. Holton and others upon the sum of twelve thousand dollars, as payment for their estate numbered 90 on Chambers street, taken for school purposes by the city of

Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Holton and others giving to the city a deed for their said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Clerk; calling attention to chapter 202 of Acts of 1897.

CITY OF BOSTON.
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
CITY HALL, April 13, 1897.

School Committee, Boston:

GENTLEMEN: I would respectfully call your attention to chapter 202 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year, 1897, entitled "An Act relative to the Taking of Lands for the City of Boston."

Respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN,

City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Election Commissioners; use of school-houses for voting purposes.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
OLD COURT HOUSE, COURT SQUARE,
BOSTON, April 2, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of School Committee:

GENTLEMEN: We are endeavoring to make arrangements for election places, and have examined such school buildings as we think are properly located for such use, and we find that the following buildings (55 in number) have a basement or first-floor room that is not used as a class-room, and can be used without dismissing the school:

The fifty-five schools referred to are located as follows: Four in East Boston; seven in Charlestown; six at the North and West Ends; nine at the South End and Back Bay; seven in South Boston; twelve in Roxbury; two in Jamaica Plain; five in Dorchester; and three in Brighton.

We also annex a list of 25 schools, in addition to the 55 named above, which are properly located for use for voting-precincts. The rooms to be used in these buildings are either regular class-rooms or used for Kindergarten, except in two cases, which are basement rooms, but on account of entrances cannot be used without closing the building.

The twenty-five schools referred to are located as follows: One in East Boston; one in Charlestown; three at the North and West Ends; three at the South End; four in South Boston; eight in Roxbury; three in Dorchester; one in Jamaica Plain; and one in Brighton.

We are very desirous of getting accommodations and making arrangements for locating these election places, and should be pleased to receive a communication, or have a consultation with the proper committee representing your Board at such time as may suit their convenience, at as early a date as possible.

Very respectfully yours,

For the Board of Election Commissioners,

M. W. BURLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Orris L. Beverage, first assistant, Grammar School, Feb. 23, 1897.

Wells District. — Elizabeth H. Miner, assistant, Primary School, April 2, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bowditch District. — Emma L. McDonald, from March 30, 1897.

Hancock District. — Fanny L. Rogers, from March 22, 1897.

Phillips District. — Helen F. Prentiss, from Feb. 25, 1897.

Cudworth Kindergarten. — Isabella F. Wallace, from Nov. 10, 1896, to Nov. 13, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Harry W. Whittemore, junior-master, from March 30, 1897.

Bennett District. — Martha A. Sawyer, assistant, Primary School, from April 12, 1897.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret H. Manning, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1897.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from March 8, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Emily V. White, assistant, Grammar School, from March 22, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, assistant, Primary School, from March 22, 1897.

Tileston District. — Mabel M. Anderson, assistant, Grammar School, from March 8, 1897.

East Fourth-street Kindergarten. — Grace L. Sanger, assistant, from March 16, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie G. Furlong, instructor, from April 12, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Wells District. — Gertrude M. Dimick, assistant, Primary School, from April 12, 1897.

Instructor of Sewing. — Eldora M. S. Bowen, from March 16, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Eliot District. — Charlotte A. Hood, assistant, Grammar School; Winifred C. Wolff, assistant, Primary School.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Florence C. Gordon, assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Mary Lillis, assistant, Primary School.

Instructor of Sewing. — Esther C. Povah.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leaves of absence.

On report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Adams District. — Ellenette Pillsbury, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 26, 1897, until May 26, 1897; A. Estella Allen, substitute.

Bowditch District. — E. Augusta Randall, assistant, Primary School, from April 11, 1897, until June 30, 1897; M. Louise Wiswall, substitute.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Brown, first assistant, Primary School, from April 18, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Katherine J. Daily, substitute.

Phillips District. — Katherine C. Coveney, substitute for Louise H. Hinckley, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Prince District. — Luthera W. Bird, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Abbie E. Wilson, substitute.

Kindergartens.

Bailey-street School. — Mary B. Pope, assistant, from April 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897; Hattie Browne, substitute.

7 Byron Court. — M. Elizabeth Watson, principal, from March 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897.

Kettell Building. — Sara K. Savary, assistant, from April 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Emma F. Temple, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, the following order, passed March 23, 1897 (see page 104), was rescinded:

Order for payment for land on Allen street rescinded. [See pp. 71, 104.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Hugh McLaughlin the sum of seventy-eight hundred dollars ($7,800) as payment for the part of his estate numbered one on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said McLaughlin giving to the city a deed for the portion of his said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Daniel McLaughlin, trustee, the sum of seventy-eight hundred dollars ($7,800) as payment for the part of the estate numbered one on Allen street, taken (in the name of Hugh McLaughlin) for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Daniel McLaughlin, trustee, giving to the city a deed for the portion of said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Report of Joint Committee on School Houses and Sixth Division; communication from His Honor the Mayor; site for a High School for South Boston. [See p. 43.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Joint Committee on School Houses and Sixth Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to the selection of a High School site in South Boston, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to approve the selection and surrender to the School Committee as a site for a High School-house, South Boston, of so much of the Reservoir lot as lies east of a line one hundred and seventy-five feet west of the westerly line of G street and running parallel thereto, with the

understanding that the School Committee shall authorize the payment out of its funds of the sum of thirty cents per square foot for said site, to be paid as the Mayor shall direct.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of chapel on Chambers street for school purposes. [See p. 107.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order requesting this committee to investigate as to the necessity for making further use of the chapel on Chambers street in the Wells district, and to take such action as may be expedient, reported that all the classes formerly accommodated in this building have been removed, and it is no longer needed for school purposes. Your committee have instructed the Superintendent of Public Buildings to discontinue the rental of said chapel at once, and recommend that no further action on the order is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to establishment of Primary classes in school-house on Columbus avenue, Ward 18. [See p. 44.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor enclosing a communication from the Common Council relative to the establishment of Primary classes in the school-house on Columbus avenue, Ward 18, reported that upon inquiry your committee have ascertained the following facts:

1. It would be necessary, should this building be used to accommodate Primary classes, to remove the day nursery maintained there by Mrs. Shaw, under an arrangement by which the city is provided with other school accommodations which are of more value than these given in exchange.

2. The railroad runs within fifteen or twenty feet of the building, making it eminently undesirable for school purposes.

3. There are no Primary children in the district who are unprovided with school accommodations.

In view of the above facts, your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that in the opinion of this Board it is inexpedient to use the Cottage-place School-house for the accommodation of Primary classes.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Paving of sidewalks in front of Howard avenue and Thomas N. Hart School-houses.

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to pave the sidewalk in front of the school-house on Howard avenue, Dorchester; also to pave the sidewalk on H and East Sixth streets, South Boston, beginning at a point about 150 feet from the corner of East Sixth street on H street, to said corner, turning and extending on East Sixth street to Henderson avenue; with the understanding that the School Committee shall furnish the necessary materials.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Anderson street for school purposes.

Ordered, That there be paid to Stephen H. Williams the sum of nineteen hundred dollars, as payment for his land on Anderson street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Aug. 5, 1896 (taking recorded same day), upon said Williams giving to the city a deed for his said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Chambers street for school purposes.

Ordered, That there be paid to Georgianna D. Holton and others the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000), as payment for their estate numbered 90 on Chambers

street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Holton and others giving to the city a deed for their said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Report of Committee on School Houses; temporary buildings in yard of Roger Clap School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order that two one-room temporary buildings be erected in the yard of the Roger Clap School-house, reported that in the judgment of this committee it is inexpedient to erect the buildings suggested in the order referred.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to purchase of land on Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17. [See p. 11.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Jan. 11 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor accompanied by a communication from the Common Council relative to the purchase of land on Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17, for school purposes, and — March 23 — a similar communication urging the School Committee to report upon the matter, reported that the question of the expediency of erecting a new Primary School-house in the location suggested has already been carefully considered by this committee several times. The neighboring school-houses are not overcrowded, and there appears to be no necessity for the erection of a new school-house in this vicinity, compared with the needs of other sections of the city. Your committee would therefore report that it is inexpedient to take action as suggested in the communication referred, and recommend that the attention of the Common Council be respectfully called to their previous report on this subject.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — a communication from the Com-

communication from Common Council; sanitation of Quincy, Tyler-street, and Brimmer School-houses. [See p. 98.]

mon Council requesting the School Committee to report why no portion of the $300,000 had been expended on the Quincy, Tyler-street, and Brimmer School-houses, reported that in the expenditure of the appropriation referred to, the School Committee, through the Committee on School Houses, ordered repairs to be made on those school-houses which, in their opinion, were in most urgent need of attention. Your committee are of the opinion that improvements in the school-houses named in the communication referred would be very desirable, but they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed that the appropriation for this purpose is entirely exhausted.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; additional land for Martin School-house. [See p. 98.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — a communication from the Common Council relative to the advisability of providing additional land for the Martin School, by securing the lot of land now vacant at the corner of Worthington street and Longwood avenue, reported that the Common Council be respectfully informed that in the opinion of the Board it is inexpedient to take said land at the present time.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of school of cookery in Comins School-house. [See p. 91.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 9 — an order that a school of cookery be fitted up in the Comins School-house, reported that your committee have given their attention to the order referred, and a school has been fitted up in the school-house named. They recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the old Gibson School-house lot, School street, Dorchester, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Andrew J. Vose, bounded south-east by Athelwold street, as laid out by the order of the Board of Street Commissioners of May 6, 1896, one hundred and nine and $\frac{59}{100}$ feet; south-west by land supposed to belong to the Hill-Carlton Real Estate Trust, sixty-one and $\frac{92}{100}$ feet; north-west by land of the city of Boston, one hundred two and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet; and north-east by the same, by two measurements, twenty-two and $\frac{80}{100}$ feet, and fifty and $\frac{7}{100}$ feet.

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land to enlarge lot of old Gibson School-house.

Also a parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown, bounded south-east by Athelwold street, one hundred twenty-eight and $\frac{88}{100}$ feet; east by the line forming the present junction of Athelwold street and School street, on the curve of fifteen feet radius, thirty-six and $\frac{74}{100}$ feet; north-east by School street, thirty-three and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet; west by land of the city of Boston, on a curved line, forty-seven feet; and north-west by the same, one hundred one and $\frac{22}{100}$ feet.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That out of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made:

Appropriations for school purposes.

Roger Clap School-house, furnishing, additional	$2,692 04
Beech-street School-house, furnishing, additional	179 30

Sharp School-house, enlargement of lot, grading and fencing	$2,997 96
New Bowdoin School-house, furnishing and electric fixtures, additional . .	2,949 24
Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, additional	60,000 00

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of chief clerk in superintendent's office.

Ordered, That the salary of the chief clerk in the Superintendent's office be fixed at the rate of two thousand dollars ($2,000) per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from April 1, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Superintendent of School Buildings.

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent of School Buildings be fixed at the rate of thirty-five hundred dollars ($3,500) per annum, to date from May 1, 1897.

Report of Committee on Normal School; permission to young men to enter Normal School. [See p. 92.]

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Normal School, to whom was referred — March 9 — an order that the Normal School be so arranged that young men may enter and join the young women in the same course of study, reported that as the accommodations of the Boston Normal School are inadequate for the present number of pupils in attendance, it is obviously impracticable to make a change that would result in a large increase in membership. Under these circumstances your committee do not feel called upon at present to express any opinion on the merits of the proposition submitted.

The Boston Normal School is established for the purpose of giving professional instruction to young women who intend to become teachers in the public schools of

Boston. Whether its scope should be broadened so as to extend the benefit of its instruction to young men who propose to become teachers in our Boston schools is a question of such importance that your committee believe they should not attempt to decide it at the present time and under present circumstances. When the new Normal School assumes a more tangible form it may be well to consider the advisability of admitting young men on the same footing as young women, and your committee would therefore respectfully recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Normal School; petition of Ella E. Johnson and Daniel F. Sullivan; discharge of pupils from Boston Normal School. [See p. 109.]

Mr. Adams, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — a petition signed by Ella E. Johnson and Daniel F. Sullivan, relative to the discharge of several pupils from the Boston Normal School, reported that they have taken the matter under careful consideration, and have given a hearing to the petitioners. Your committee are of the opinion that it is for the best interests of the Boston Normal School that their former decision with regard to the discharge of these pupils should remain unchanged, and they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations relative to transfer cards. [See p. 107.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order that section 232 of the Regulations be amended so as to provide that in every case of transfer two cards shall be given, one to the pupil and one to the truant officer, reported that your committee have duly considered the order referred, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That section 232 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 232. — Add the following to the section: "In every case of transfer two cards shall be given, one to the pupil and one to the truant officer."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Regulations; promotions of pupils in Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 256. — Strike out the section after the word "February," in the third line, and insert in place thereof the following: "Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district with the approval of the Supervisor in charge."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules relative to naming of school districts.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order that the rule on page 5, chapter 1, section 3, be amended by striking out, after the word "designate," in the third line, all the rest of the sentence, reported that the amendment to the rules suggested in the order referred has been carefully considered by your committee. They recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Examination for admission to High Schools.

Ordered, That in addition to the examination which is to take place on the first Wednesday and Thursday in September next, of applicants for admission to the High Schools who are not graduates from the Grammar Schools, an examination of such applicants be held on the third Saturday in June next.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, ordered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to admit to the examination to be held on the 23d and 24th of April, four college graduates who are now and all this year have been pupils in the Boston Normal School; in order that, if they pass the examination, they may receive at their graduation in June next a High School as well as a Grammar School certificate of qualification to teach.

College graduates attending the Boston Normal School admitted to April examinations for teachers.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Ordered, That the Civil Service Commissioners be hereby informed that, his conduct and capacity having proved satisfactory, the election of John McCrillis, as truant officer, is made permanent.

Election of John McCrillis as truant officer made permanent.

Mr. Hubbard, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations relative to Truant Blank A.

SECTION 387. — Strike out the words "Truant Blank A," in the thirteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Information Card." Strike out the words "Blank A," in the nineteenth and twenty-fourth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Information Card."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Kindergartens be requested to take immediate steps for establishing a Kindergarten in the Warren District.

Establishment of Kindergarten in Warren District.

Report of Committee on Second Division; additional Primary accommodations in Warren District.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order relative to providing additional Primary accommodations in the Warren District, reported that they have carefully investigated the matter, and find that the Primary accommodations for children living in the southern portion of the Warren District and in the northern portion of the Frothingham District are entirely inadequate, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide additional Primary accommodations in the Warren District at the earliest possible date.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Minority report of Committee on Ninth Division; nomination of Frederick W. Shattuck, sub-master in Christopher Gibson District.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Minority of the Committee on the Ninth Division, presented the following report:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the Ninth Division, present the following nomination, on probation, of a candidate for the position of sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District:

Christopher Gibson District. — Frederick W. Shattuck, sub-master.

In presenting this nomination we do not wish to be understood as in any way disparaging the work of the women teachers in the public schools, nor to undervalue the benefit of their influence upon the pupils of both sexes, but we do not consider that they should be elected to the position of sub-master, for the following reasons:

1. The tendency for many years has been to diminish the number of male instructors in the schools, and at the present time a very large proportion of the teachers are women. In our opinion there are too few men in the service to-day, and we are reluctant to see their number still further decreased. A man's broad and high influence is needed in the training of boys, and in our opinion it has been a wise policy on the part of the Board for many years to appoint male sub-masters in mixed as well as boys' schools.

2. Under the present rules, sub-masters are allowed in boys' and mixed schools, and there are many duties connected with such schools (the care of the boys at recess, etc.), which it would not be possible for a woman to perform.

3. Many of the first assistants in girls' schools (where the rank of sub-master is not allowed) claim that they are called upon to perform the same work as the sub-masters in the boys' and mixed schools. If we appoint a woman a sub-master, we should immediately be confronted with the question whether in common justice to these first assistants their salaries should not be raised. In most cases the expenses of a man with a family to support are more than those of a woman, and this fact was taken into consideration in fixing the salaries of the sub-masters.

4. When we open the position heretofore occupied by men to women it will soon become evident that the standard of the qualifications of the men applying for the position will be lowered. At present many male teachers who possess the requirements which the city of Boston is anxious to obtain in her schools are willing to enter the service as first assistants, because in that position they can look forward to a sub-mastership and eventually, perhaps, to a mastership, whereas if women are allowed to enter into competition (they being numerically in excess of the men, and their consequent chance of appointment greater) male teachers possessing the highest qualifications would not enter our service, because they could not afford to do so.

Mr. Bassett moved that the report be referred to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Mr. Allen raised the point of order that a minority report could not be presented until a majority report was before the Board.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken, as a majority report had already been accepted by the Board.

Mr. Bassett's motion was lost.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the nomination of Ida L. Boyden as sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Adams, Bowdlear, and Fleischer a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Frederick W. Shattuck elected sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11. Ida L. Boyden had 8 votes. Frederick W. Shattuck had 13 votes, and was accordingly declared elected sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District.

Report of Committee on Accounts; communication from Common Council; names and addresses of non-resident teachers. [See p. 99.]

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — March 23 — a communication from the Common Council requesting a list giving the names and residences of all the teachers employed in the public schools who are not residents of the city of Boston, reported that the request has been complied with, and that the desired information is herewith presented on the accompanying blanks for transmission to the Common Council.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Mr. Fleischer, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Leave of absence to J. Herman Trybom.

Ordered, That leave of absence from May 1, 1897, until June 30, 1897, be granted to J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor in manual training in the Horace Mann School.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25; new ten-room school-house on site of old Winship School-house.

ROOMS OF THE
CITIZENS' IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF WARD 25.
BOSTON, WARD 25, March 25, 1897.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee, City of Boston:*

DEAR SIR: At the meeting of the Association held this evening, the Secretary was instructed to inform your Honorable Board that necessity demands the building of a new ten-room school-house in

our ward, and the site of the old Winship School as the proper location.

There is a very strong sentiment back of this needed improvement, and the Association and citizens of our ward hope you may be able to give it prompt attention.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD C. SCATES,

Secretary Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the establishment of Kindergartens in the Warren District, Charlestown, at Forest Hills, and at Lauriat avenue, Dorchester.

Establishment of Kindergartens in Warren District, Forest Hills, and Lauriat avenue.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Prang's Color Charts be supplied to Kindergartens and Primary Schools where color work is taught.

Prang's Color Charts to be supplied to Kindergartens and Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

In School Committee, April 27, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bateman, Hubbard, and Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, March 29, 1897.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to petitioning the Legislature for $1,000,000, to be expended for additional High and Latin School accommodations.

To the School Committee:

As the President of the School Committee and the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Matters have called upon me in regard to the order which passed the committee on March 9, authorizing the President "to petition the General Court for an additional amount of $1,000,000 to be expended by this Board in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for additional High and Latin School accommodations," and have requested me to support such a petition, I think it proper, after having fully considered the important financial question thus presented, to formally communicate to the School Committee my attitude upon this matter.

By chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 the School Committee was given by the Legislature direct authority to expend for "the building and furnishing of school-houses" the sum of $2,200,000, $500,000 of this amount to be available for expenditure in the year 1895, $500,000 in the year 1896, and $400,000 in each of the years 1897, 1898, and 1899. The $500,000 authorized to be expended in the year 1895 was outside of the debt limit, while the expenditures for each of the succeeding years were to be within the debt limit. The Act therefore amounted to an appropriation by the Legislature of the sum of $1,700,000, to be deducted from the ordinary borrowing capacity of the city in the four years 1896 to 1899, inclusive, diminishing to that extent the money which could be borrowed and appropriated by the City Council.

Under this Act the School Committee can apply any part of the funds thus provided for additional High and Latin School accommodations; but it is represented that owing to the high prices of land taken for school sites, and owing to the unexpectedly large cost of the construction of certain school buildings, these financial resources will all be required to bring the Primary and Grammar School accommodations abreast with the requirements of the rapidly increasing demands, and that the committee has therefore no available resources for meeting present needs in the way of additional High and Latin School accommodations. The order passed by the committee does not state whether the Legislature is to be petitioned to provide the million dollars requested within the debt limit of the city, in the same manner as the $1,700,000 had been provided under the Act referred to, or outside of the debt limit, and I understood from the President of the committee that he was willing to frame the petition either way if I would give it my approval. I should be unwilling, in any case, upon general financial grounds, to support a petition to have a further loan for this purpose made outside of the debt limit, but I was disposed to assent to some proposition for securing the money reasonably required for the purpose inside the debt limit.

As the full responsibility for the conduct of the educational system of the city rests upon the School Committee, I have not felt that I was called upon in any matters coming before me to pass upon the educational side of any question presented. It seems to me to be exclusively within the province of the School Committee to determine whether the conditions require that additional High School accommodations shall be provided, and, so far from having any disposition to question its conclusions upon this matter, I am entirely willing to coöperate with the committee, within the limitations imposed by due regard for the general financial position and necessities of the city, in securing the means of meeting these wants; but the question whether application for an appropriation within the debt limit shall be made at the State House or at City Hall is one of vital importance. The securing of the right to make additional loans outside of the debt limit necessarily involves an application to the Legislature; but the City Council has full authority to appropriate money inside the debt limit to meet any needs of our public schools, and it seems to me that only an extraordinary exigency, such as perhaps existed at the time when the Act of 1895 was passed, can justify passing over the City Council and asking the Legislature to make a direct appropriation, without the concurrence of the City Council, of the funds of the city of Boston. While the borrowing

capacity of the city for the current year has been already reduced by the sum of $400,000, appropriated by the Legislature by the Act of 1895 to the uses of the School Committee, a sufficient borrowing capacity remains to enable the City Council to provide as much money as can reasonably be expended within this year for additional High and Latin School accommodations. At this date the city still has the right to borrow $1,737,000 during this municipal year, and I am decidedly of the opinion that, instead of applying to the Legislature, the School Committee should present its case at City Hall and ask for a fair appropriation out of this sum. The Finance Committee is about to begin the preparation of a general loan order, and the time is therefore ripe for presenting the application.

So far as my own action is concerned, I can assure the School Committee that, if it will formulate a proper plan for the expenditure during this year of a reasonable amount of money to meet the most pressing necessities of the situation in respect to such increased accommodations, I shall be glad to recommend such an appropriation to the City Council, and to assist in any manner in my power in securing it.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 232 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations relative to transfer cards. [See pp. 107, 123, 124.]

SECTION 232. — Add the following to the section: "In every case of transfer two cards shall be given, one to the pupil and one to the truant officer."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; promotions of pupils in Primary Schools. [See p. 124.]

SECTION 256. — Strike out the section after the word "February," in the third line, and insert in place thereof the following: "Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district with the approval of the Supervisor in charge."

Passed.

Statement of Mr. Gallivan relative to reported interview.

Mr. Gallivan rose to a question of privilege, and stated that he desired to say to the Board that the interview purporting to have been held with him, and appearing in the "Boston Post" of April 14, had never taken place, and that he had never submitted to any such interview with any reporter in Boston.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dwight District — Lydia W. Jones, from April 12, 1897.

Martin District. — Lydia A. Buxton, from April 20, 1897.

Washington Allston District.— Margaret A. Foley, Sarah F. Woodworth, from April 20, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bigelow District. — W. Helena Hussey, assistant, Grammar School, from May 17, 1897.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from May 3, 1897.

Chapman District. — Gertrude W. Merrill, assistant, Primary School, from April 12, 1897.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Thing, assistant, Primary School, from April 12, 1897.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from April 12, 1897.

Emerson District. — Ethel C. Brown, assistant, Primary School, from April 20, 1897.

Everett District. — Bertha L. Mulloney, assistant, Grammar School, from May 10, 1897; Viola M. Allen, assistant, Primary School, from March 19, 1897; Lydia

W. Jones, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1897.

Lewis District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, Grammar School, from May 10, 1897.

Mather District. — Susie J. Clough, assistant, Primary School, from April 22, 1897 ; Mary F. O'Brien, assistant, Primary School, from May 6, 1897.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from May 3, 1897.

Warren District. — Mary L. Long, first assistant, Grammar School, from April 12, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Harris District. — Susan J. Berigan, assistant, Primary School, second year, from April 20, 1897.

Lowell District. — Agnes L. Moran, assistant, Primary School, from April 20, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Alice G. Russell, assistant, Primary School.

Shurtleff District. — Margaret L. Nolan, assistant, Grammar School.

Warrenton-street Kindergarten. — Juliette Billings, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board :

Adams District. — Ellen M. Robbins, assistant, Primary School, from April 23, 1897, until July 1, 1897.

Dearborn District. — Mary E. Nason, assistant, Primary School, from May 4, 1897, until July 1, 1897.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Marian A. McIntyre, assistant, Grammar School, from April 20, 1897, until July 1, 1897; William W. Howe, substitute.

Shurtleff District. — Winnifred C. Folan, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897; Sarah T. Driscoll, substitute.

Horace Mann School. — Kate F. Hobart, assistant, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Stella E. Weaver, substitute.

Kindergartens.

7 Byron Court. — Annie L. McCarty, substitute for M. Elizabeth Watson, principal, granted leave of absence.

Cook School. — Elizabeth Niel, assistant, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Frances A. Green, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25; new ten-room school-house on site of old Winship School-house. [See pp. 128, 129.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — April 13 — a communication from the Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25, urging the erection of a new ten-room school-house on the site of the old Winship School, Brighton, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration. Your committee recognize the needs of this district, but the balance of the appropriation available during the current year is not sufficient to warrant the erection of a new school-house as asked for in the communication referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Use of yards and basements of school-houses

Ordered, That the use of the yards and basements of school-houses be granted to the Massachusetts Emer-

gency and Hygiene Association, during the summer vacation; the use of said yards and basements to be under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, and to be without expense to the city.

granted to Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom were referred, from the files of last year, a petition from L. B. Sawyer relative to the abolition of the position of engineer at the Latin and English High School-house, and a petition signed by James M. Douglass and ninety-five others relative to the employment of an engineer for the Latin and English High School-house, reported that, the matter having been adjusted to the satisfaction of the petitioners, no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on Accounts; petitions of L. B. Sawyer and James M. Douglass relative to engineer for English High and Latin School building.

Accepted.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that sufficient janitor-service be furnished the English High School to prevent the entrance of promiscuous strangers, and to guard the property of the school and the pupils, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that sufficient janitor-service is now employed for all the needs of the school.

Report of Committee on Accounts; janitor service in English and High School-house.

They do not deem it advisable to appoint an additional janitor to serve specially for the purposes mentioned in the order, and they therefore report that in their opinion no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom were referred, from the files of the previous years, orders that an allowance be made for clerical service in the Mechanic Arts High School, reported that the matter has been attended to and that no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on Accounts; expenditure for clerk-hire in Mechanic Arts High School.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Accounts; expenditure for cleaning Baldwin School-house.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order, authorizing an expenditure for cleaning the Baldwin School, Chardon court, reported that the matter has been attended to, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, presented the following statement:

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,
MASON STREET, April 27, 1897.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriation as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from January 1 to May 1, being four months' payments of the present financial year, the same being exclusive of the expenditures for repairs and the cost of new school-houses.

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATION.	Appropriation and credit, 1897-98.	May draft.	Expenditures, 4 months, 1897-98.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors	$2,140,627 34	$144,754 84	$605,562 35	$1,408,010 25
Salaries, Officers		5,748 32	22,875 32	
Salaries, Janitors		11,641 20	46,268 54	
Fuel, gas, and water		7,437 93	25,588 21	
Supplies and incidental expenses		7,347 10	32,322 67	
	$2,140,627 34	$176,929 39	$732,617 09	

As compared with the corresponding time last year:

Salaries of instructors increased	$53,615 53
Salaries of officers increased	1,318 66
Salaries of janitors increased	2,794 15
Fuel, gas, and water increased	2,253 66
Supplies and incidentals increased	563 90
Increase for four months	$60,545 90

The increase in expenses for this year, if continued in the same ratio for the remaining eight months as for the past four months, will

amount to about $180,000; or an excess of about $115,000 over the appropriation granted by the City Council.

Placed on file.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; abolition of position of Director of Kindergartens. [See p. 105.]

The Committee on Kindergartens, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order that this committee be requested to consider and report upon the advisability of abolishing the position of Director of Kindergartens, report that in the opinion of the Committee on Kindergartens it would be very inadvisable to dispense with the Director of Kindergartens at the present time.

It will be remembered that the reason for the appointment of a Director of Kindergartens was the need of more frequent and expert supervision than the Board of Supervisors were able to give. An expert kindergartner is not yet placed on the Board of Supervisors, and the present hard-worked members of the Board have their time most completely occupied with the rapid growth of the schools in other directions. Each one has the general supervision of the Kindergartens in his own section, but with little time to devote to the subject as a whole or in its connection with the rest of the school system. To leave the Kindergartens without direct supervision would be, in the opinion of your committee, a step backward, a retrograde movement.

While the Kindergarten has been increased as fast as provision has been made for it, it is still a new department of public instruction, not yet fully or equally organized throughout the city. There are to-day six Grammar districts without any Kindergarten whatever, and several thickly populated districts entreating for others. The establishment and equipment of these new Kindergartens, with the proper selection of teachers, require the knowledge and careful supervision of an expert, who by education and training understands the subject.

But Kindergartens need more than supervision: they need constant direction from some one who understands the principles and methods of the Kindergarten, and who knows from practical experience how to shape and guide the work, and especially how to bring it into relation with the other grades of instruction. That the Kindergarten and the Primary work may be continuous and unbroken, that the Kindergarten may so help the pupils as to shorten the present Primary course and so influence that course as to enable them to enter the Grammar grades better prepared than they would otherwise be, is the hope and expectation of your committee, and for these problems

they need the assistance of a competent kindergartner, of broad mind, wide culture, and thorough education.

Beside the daily supervision of the Kindergartens, the present director has charge of the general course in Kindergarten which all students in the Normal School are required to take in order to prepare them to apply Kindergarten methods and principles to other grades of work; and also the general supervision of the special course in Kindergarten given in the Normal School to those pupils who intend to become Kindergarten teachers. Before the appointment of the Director we were dependent upon private benevolence for this work.

The afternoons of the Director are devoted to classes and meetings with the teachers, for advanced study of educational subjects, for planning of the weekly work and consideration of methods, for discussion of educational problems, for consideration and planning for mothers' meetings, and for giving individual help and consulting with the teachers in regard to work observed in various Kindergartens. The need of professional help on the part of the Kindergarten teachers is very great. Many of them are young and inexperienced, though full of the enthusiasm which requires guidance and leadership.

The Director must also arrange for the placing and supervision of Normal students who are observing in the city Kindergartens, and finally she must attend to the examination in Kindergarten theory and practice of all the candidates for the Boston certificate, and report upon all Kindergarten teachers on probation.

It will be observed that as other cities incorporate the Kindergarten into the public school system, they invariably create the special office of Supervisor of Kindergartens. Until Boston can do this, it would seem inexpedient and impolitic to dispense with a director of this department.

In connection with the foregoing report, Mrs. Fifield read the following:

In Board of Supervisors,
Boston, April 20, 1897.

Voted, That inasmuch as the Kindergarten system has not yet reached its full development in this city, nor has the knowledge of Kindergarten principles and methods yet become so wide-spread and common that teachers in service can dispense with special instruction and expert direction, the office of Director of Kindergarten cannot be abolished at the present time without serious detriment.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the School Regiment take place on Friday, May 14, 1897.

Date of annual parade of School Regiment.

Mr. Fleischer, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Ordered, That leave of absence on half-pay from May 1, 1897, until June 30, 1897, be granted to J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor in manual training in the Horace Mann School.

Leave of absence on half-pay to J. Herman Trybom.

The rules were suspended by a vote of 16 to 4, and the order passed.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield presented the following:

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Petition of John K. Berry *et als.* relative to establishment of a Kindergarten in Harvard-street District, Dorchester.

Respectfully represents the undersigned that they are citizens of Boston, resident in Dorchester in the section commonly called Harvard street, and, for the most part, on the westerly side of the N.E. R.R. track;

That they are informed and believe that the Kindergarten School now conducted in building on School street, Dorchester, is overcrowded and does not afford sufficient opportunity for the care and education of the small children in the locality; that there are a considerable number of children waiting for an opportunity to attend such school, to wit: about twenty-five (25);

That in the territory lying west of the N.E. R.R. there are about thirty-five (35) children at the present time qualified to attend a Kindergarten School, and many other younger children likely to attend;

That there is an urgent demand and necessity for a Kindergarten School to be maintained in said locality;

That heretofore there has been such a school maintained by the city in Greenwood Hall on Glenway, a suitable and convenient place;

Wherefore the undersigned hereby request that a Kindergarten School be immediately established and maintained by the city in said Greenwood Hall, or in some other suitable place within said locality,

for the education and needs of the children now in that locality, and for the relief of the existing school on School street as aforesaid.

The undersigned also represent that at the present time it is unsafe to send small children from said locality on the west side of said railroad to the existing school on School street because of the unsafe and dangerous condition of the bridge in said Harvard street over said railroad, which is only twenty-one (21) feet wide in the gangway, has no sidewalk, and upon which there already has been an accident to a child attending said Kindergarten School, caused by a team driven recklessly on said bridge when many small children were thereon returning from school.

JOHN K. BERRY,
and seventy-one others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Appointment of Festival Committee.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Annual School Festival:

Mr. James A. McDonald, Chairman; Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Coolidge and Bassett.

Approved.

The Chair read the following:

Petition of Woman's Christian Temperance Union relative to time given to physiology and hygiene in curriculum of public schools.

To the School Board of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and others interested in the enforcement of the temperance education law, which requires that "Physiology and hygiene, which, in both branches of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and other narcotics, on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study," etc., respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that only twenty minutes each week of the school year is required to be given to this study, and one-fourth only of this time to the effects of alcohol and narcotics — which is wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of the law. Therefore we petition that more time be accorded in the school curriculum to the study of physiology and hygiene and the effects of alcohol and other narcotics on the human system, and for the same tests that are given in other studies.

KATHERINE E. WARREN,
and twenty-four others.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Ordered, That unless otherwise ordered, the use of the lot of land purchased for the New Dorchester High School-house be granted to the boys attending the Dorchester High and Henry L. Pierce Schools as a play-ground.

Use of site for new Dorchester High School-house as play-ground.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Dahlgren Relief Corps, No. 20, W.R.C.; presentation of national flag to Primary Schools of South Boston.

HEADQUARTERS
DAHLGREN RELIEF CORPS, No. 20, W.R.C.,
SOUTH BOSTON, April 26, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Board of the City of Boston:

In pursuance of one of the objects of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, which is to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country in the minds of the young, Dahlgren Corps, No. 20, of South Boston, is desirous of placing a national flag in each room of the Primary Schools in the South Boston district, and they respectfully petition the permission of your Honorable Board that they may carry their desire into execution. With the hope that their prayer may be granted, I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully,

MRS. LUE STUART WADSWORTH,
Chairman Committee on Patriotic Teaching.

Referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution; erection of monument on Dorchester Heights.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

School Committee of the City of Boston, Clerk of the School Committee:

I am instructed by vote of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to forward to your committee the following resolution passed at the annual meeting of this Society on April 19, 1897:

Resolved, That it is the desire of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that a suitable monument be erected by the State on Dorchester Heights, to commemorate the bloodless victory over the British, brought about by the superior skill

and strategy of General Washington in seizing and fortifying Dorchester Heights, and resulting in the evacuation of Boston.

Yours,

CHARLES E. STEARNS,

Secretary Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 11, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Calderwood.

On motion of Mr. Fleischer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to appropriation, Public Buildings, School Expenses.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, April 28, 1897.

To the School Committee:

I transmit herewith a communication addressed to me by the City Auditor which explains itself. I regret the delay of the passage of the appropriation, but it is due to an effort on the part of the majority of the Board of Aldermen to change the form of the appropriation from that of former years.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

(Enclosure.)

CITY OF BOSTON.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, April 28, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor:*

SIR: The City Council not having passed an appropriation for Public Buildings, School Expenses, all payments have been made under chapter 320 of 1889, which authorizes expenditures to be made or liabilities to be incurred not exceeding one-third of the appropriation for the previous year, and there remains under this authority the right to expend or incur liabilities only to the amount of $12,500.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES H. DODGE,
City Auditor.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Clerk relative to chapter 299 of the Acts of 1897.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, CITY HALL, May 10, 1897.

School Committee, Boston:

GENTLEMEN: I would respectfully call your attention to chapter 299 of the Acts of the Legislature of the present year, 1897, entitled "An Act to authorize the taking of land for school-houses."

Yours respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bennett District. — Agnes J. Hallahan, from May 10, 1897.

Hyde District. — Nellie G. Lynch, from May 3, 1897, to June 30, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Frances M. Mooers, from May 10, 1897.

Tileston District. — Mabel W. Chandler, from May 10, 1897.

Washington Allston District. — Sarah F. Woodworth, from March 23, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Grace E. H. Casey, assistant, from April 12, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Alice L. Manning, instructor, from March 10, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Lewis District. — Emma F. Wilson, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1897. Election of teachers on probation.

Sherwin District. — Laura L. Brown, assistant, Primary School, second year, from May 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Roxbury High School. — Josiah M. Kagan, junior-master. Confirmation of teachers.

Franklin District. — Gabrielle Abbott, assistant, Primary School.

Lowell District. — Mary J. Fitzsimmons, assistant, Grammar School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Brighton High School. — Ida M. Curtis, assistant, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Lucy W. Warren, substitute.

Girls' High School. — Elizabeth L. Smith, assistant, from May 8, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Sarah E. Potter, substitute.

Dillaway District. — Eliza Brown, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Charlotte M. Frost, substitute.

Hancock District. — Ariel D. Savage, assistant, Grammar School, from April 26, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Mary E. Meaney, substitute.

Hyde District. — Esther H. Fletcher, first assistant, Grammar School, from May 3, 1897, until July 1,

1897. Anna G. Fillebrown, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Susan J. Ginn, substitute.

Norcross District. — Alice J. Meins, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Josephine J. Mahoney, substitute.

Prince District. — Antoinette M. Getchell, assistant, Grammar School, from April 12, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Isabella H. Howe, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Board of Election Commissioners; use of school-houses for voting purposes. [See pp. 112, 113.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — April 13 — a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners, requesting the use of rooms in certain school-houses for election purposes, reported that this Board granted the use of rooms for such purposes in various school-houses last year with the distinct understanding that no such requests should be made thereafter. Your committee, however, appreciating the needs of the Board of Election Commissioners, though unwilling to have the regular work of the schools interfered with, have carefully scrutinized the list of school-houses submitted, in which voting accommodations are desired, and find that rooms in twenty-three of the buildings named can be used without dismissing the pupils. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That accommodations in the following-named school-houses be granted to the Board of Election Commissioners for election purposes on the days of the State election, November 2, and of the city election, December 14, provided that said Board assume all expenses in connection therewith: Noble School, Princeton street; Adams School, Lamson street; Warren School, School street; old school-house, Chauncy place; Harvard Hill School, Harvard square; Ware School,

North Bennet street; Cushman School, Parmenter street; Bowdoin School, Irving street; Phillips School, Phillips street; Pierpont School, Hudson street; Boston Latin School, Warren avenue; Norcross School, D street; Cyrus Alger School, West Seventh street; Gaston School, L street; Benjamin Pope School, O street; Martin School, Huntington avenue; Roxbury High School, Warren street; Lucretia Crocker School, Parker street; Wyman School, off Centre street; Edward Everett School, Sumner street (with a partition); Minot School, Neponset avenue; William Wirt Warren School, Waverley street; old Oak-square School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans and specifications for grading of yard of William H. Kent School-house, Moulton street, Charlestown.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the grading of the yard of the William H. Kent School-house, Moulton street, Charlestown, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade said yard, in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, May 10, 1897.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined with care the plans for grading and completing the yard of the Moulton-street School in the Charlestown district, prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and

also the specifications for the work required to carry out the same, and they hereby have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for improvements in ventilation and sanitation of school buildings.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the City Council to furnish, at as early a date as possible, $300,000, to be expended by the School Committee during the coming summer, for making improvements in the ventilation and sanitation of school buildings, and providing better means of escape in case of fire.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for High and Latin School accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate $1,000,000, to be expended by the School Committee in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for the purchase and taking of land, and for the erection, enlargement, and furnishing of school buildings for High School purposes in East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, West Roxbury, and for the Mechanic Arts High School, and for the purchase and taking of land, and the erection and furnishing of a school building for the Girls' Latin School.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was temporarily laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was taken from the table.

The order passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That before Sept. 1, 1897, the upper floor of the Parkman School-house be fitted up for wood-working classes.

Fitting of upper floor of Parkman School-house for wood-working classes.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That before Sept. 1, 1897, a wood-working school be fitted up in the Longfellow School-house, Roslindale.

Fitting of wood-working school in Longfellow School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a temporary building be erected before Sept. 1, 1897, on the lot owned by the city and adjoining the Thomas N. Hart School-house lot, and that the children at present accommodated in the E-street church be transferred to this building when completed.

Erection of temporary building on lot adjoining Thomas N. Hart School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Ames, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report on the desirability of a course of High School manual training for girls, to be offered to the classes entering the High School grades for 1897–98.

Establishment of course of High School manual training for girls.

Ordered, That in presenting such a course they report on the feasibility of using the present High Schools for the academic courses of study, and the Boston Normal School of Domestic Science, and such other existing opportunities for manual training for girls as already exist.

The orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on Examinations, the following order, passed at the meeting of the Board held April 13, 1897, was rescinded:

Examination for admission to the High Schools. [See p. 124.]

Ordered, That in addition to the examination which is to take place on the first Wednesday and Thursday in September next, of applicants for admission to the High Schools who are not graduates from the Grammar Schools, an examination of such applicants be held on the third Saturday in June next.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the examination which is to take place on the first Wednesday and Thursday in September next, of applicants for admission to the High Schools who are not graduates from the Grammar Schools, an examination of such applicants be held on Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, 1897.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; temporary accommodations to be approved by the Board. [See p. 40.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were requested — Jan. 26 — to report such changes in the rules as will provide that no temporary accommodations shall be provided without the approval of the Board having been first obtained, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and recommend that it is inexpedient to amend the rules as suggested in the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; removal or discontinuance of a school to be reported to Board. [See p. 40.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order providing that no school be moved or discontinued from its present location unless notice of such proposed action is given at a previous meeting, when the Board shall determine final action thereon, reported that they have given the matter due consideration and recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 13 — an order that the regulations be amended so that "Truant Blank A" shall hereafter be called "Information Card," reported that in the opinion of your committee the name of the blank should be changed as suggested in the order referred. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations relative to Truant Blank A. [See p. 125.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 387. Strike out the words "Truant Blank A," in the thirteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Information Card." Strike out the words "Blank A," in the nineteenth and twenty-fourth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Information Card."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Ordered, That John H. Westfall, truant officer, be directed, in the name of the city of Boston, to prosecute James Minnis, living at 215 Cambridge street, Allston, for neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

Prosecution of James Minnis.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That John H. Westfall, truant officer, be directed, in the name of the city of Boston, to prosecute Charles I. Parsons, living on Mackin street, Allston, for neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

Prosecution of Charles I. Parsons.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations consider and report upon the advisability of so changing the Regulations as to provide that applicants for admission

Applicants for admission to High Schools to have a certificate

from the master of Grammar School.

to the High Schools shall have a certificate from the master of the Grammar School, as well as a diploma of graduation.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, it was

Date of annual school festival.

Ordered, That the annual school festival be held on Saturday, July 3, 1897.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Award of diplomas at annual school festival.

Ordered, That the diplomas awarded the graduates of the public schools this year be presented at the annual festival.

Referred to the Committee on the Annual School Festival.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; communication from Dahlgren Relief Corps, No. 20, W.R.C.; presentation of national flag to Primary Schools of South Boston. [See p. 143.]

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred — April 27 — a communication from the Dahlgren Relief Corps, No. 20, W.R.C., asking permission to place a national flag in each room of the Primary Schools in the South Boston district, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Dahlgren Relief Corps, No. 20, W.R.C., to place a national flag in each room of the Primary Schools in the South Boston district, and that the thanks of this Board be extended to the donors of these flags for their generous gift to the public schools.

Accepted.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that before its passage the order should be considered and reported upon by the Committee on Drawing.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

The order passed.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Lincoln School-house be wired for electric lights to be used in connection with a stereopticon for said school-house.

Wiring of Lincoln School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a master's room be provided for the Norcross School by the construction of an addition to said school-house.

Master's room for Norcross School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional first assistant be allowed in the Christopher Gibson district.

Additional first assistant in Christopher Gibson district.

Passed unanimously, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual prize drills take place on May 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1897.

Dates of annual prize drills.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, reported the death of Joseph T. Paget, late instructor of military drill in the Boston Public Schools.

Death of Joseph T. Paget.

Accepted.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, presented the following:

The School Committee of the City of Boston have learned with profound regret of the death of Joseph T. Paget, late Instructor of Military Drill in the Boston Public Schools, and desire to place on record their acknowledgment of his faithful service, and an expression of their appreciation of his fidelity and zeal.

Resolution on death of Joseph T. Paget.

By his untiring industry and conscientious devotion to the duties of his office, and by his genial and gentlemanly bearing, Captain Paget had won the esteem and friendship of the members of the School Committee, the respect of the instructors associated with him, and the love of the many young men who came under his direction.

The committee hereby extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Captain Paget in their great loss.

Accepted unanimously, by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 25, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Calderwood and Davison.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations relative to Truant Blank A. [See pp. 125, 153.]

SECTION 387. Strike out the words "Truant Blank A," in the thirteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Information Card." Strike out the words "Blank A," in the nineteenth and twenty-fourth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Information Card."

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Clerk of Committees; use of school-houses for children's entertainments, July 5, 1897.

CITY OF BOSTON.
CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, May 24, 1897.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., *Secretary of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: Will you kindly arrange to give the Committee on Fourth of July the use of the following-named school-houses for children's entertainments on July 5, 1897, viz.:

Emerson, Frothingham, Bunker Hill, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, John A. Andrew, Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, Hugh O'Brien, Roxbury High, George Putnam, Mt. Vernon, Minot, Harris, Tiles-

ton, Henry L. Pierce, Dudley, Blackinton, Cyrus Alger, Robert G. Shaw, and the High School drill hall for dancing.

Please arrange to have the necessary instructions given for opening the above school buildings, and oblige

Yours very truly,

JOHN F. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Phillips District. — Louise H. Hinckley, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Centre-street Kindergarten. — Isabella F. Wallace, from April 12, 1897.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Mary A. Duston, assistant, Primary School, from June 15, 1897.

Hancock District. — Ella A. Curtis, assistant, Grammar School; Mary J. Ryan, assistant, Primary School, from June 1, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Viola M. I. Clark, assistant, Primary School, from June 8, 1897.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Kent, assistant, Grammar School, from June 8, 1897.

Wells District. — Mary V. Prendergast, assistant, Primary School, from March 17, 1897.

East Fourth-street Kindergarten. — Grace L. Sanger, assistant, from June 16, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Hancock District. — Fanny L. Rogers, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from May 17, 1897. Election of teachers on probation.

Lawrence District. — Martha J. Krey, assistant, Primary School, from May 17, 1897.

Prescott District. — Lillian M. Park, assistant, Primary School, from May 3, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, assistant, Primary School, third year, from June 1, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Common-street School. — Amelia M. Mulliken, assistant, from May 17, 1897.

Plummer School. — Mabel J. Houlahan, assistant, from May 17, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Tileston District. — Clara A. Emerton, assistant, Grammar School. Confirmation of a teacher.

Accepted, and the teacher confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Dillaway District. — Mary L. Gore, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Mary E. Ward, substitute.

Dudley District. — Ida S. Hammerle, assistant, Grammar School, from May 21, 1897, until July 1, 1897.

Franklin District. — Eva D. Pickering, assistant, Primary School, from May 18, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Katharine J. Keefe, substitute.

Lowell District. — Ellen M. Farrell, assistant, Grammar School, from May 27, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Frank L. Titcomb, substitute.

Phillips District. — Louise H. Hinckley, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897.

Rice Training School. — Mabel I. Emerson, assistant, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Susan H. Nugent, substitute.

Kindergartens.

Bailey-street School. — Mary B. Pope, assistant, from May 20, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Hattie Browne, substitute.

7 Byron court. — M. Elizabeth Watson, principal, from May 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Annie L. McCarty, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Appropriation for grading William Wirt Warren School-house lot.

Ordered, That out of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

William Wirt Warren School-house lot, grading, additional $176 60

Report of Committee on School Houses; wiring of Lincoln School-house. [See p. 155.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 11 — an order that the Lincoln School-house be wired for electric lights to be used in connection with a stereopticon for said school-house, reported that they have arranged to have the work done as suggested in the order referred. They recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 11 — an order that a master's room be provided for the Norcross School by the construction of an addition to said school-house, reported that they have given the matter attention, and propose to construct such an addition during the summer vacation. They recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; Master's room for Norcross School. [See p. 155.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 27 — a petition signed by John K. Berry and others relative to the establishment of a Kindergarten in Greenwood Hall on Glenway, in the vicinity of Harvard street, reported that they have hired said hall for Kindergarten purposes, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition of John K. Berry *et als.* relative to establishment of a Kindergarten in Harvard-street District, Dorchester. [See pp. 141, 142.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order requesting that temporary accommodations be provided for pupils attending the Hancock and Eliot School-houses, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration. In the opinion of your committee it is not necessary to provide such accommodations until the fall term begins, and they therefore recommend that no further action by the Board is required at the present time.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional accommodations for pupils attending Hancock and Eliot School-houses. [See p. 106.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 11 — an order that the upper floor of the Parkman School-house be fitted up for the accommodation of wood-working classes, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and are of

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of upper floor of Parkman School-house for wood-working classes. [See p. 151.]

the opinion that it is inexpedient to comply with the terms of the order referred for the reason that other accommodations are now leased in that neighborhood at a rental of $1,900 per year, which lease has three years yet to run. They recommend that no further action by the Board be taken.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of temporary building on lot adjoining Thomas N. Hart School-house. [See p. 151.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 11 — an order that a temporary building be erected before Sept. 1, 1897, on the lot owned by the city and adjoining the Thomas N. Hart School-house lot, and that the children at present accommodated in the E-street church be transferred to this building when completed, reported that they have carefully considered the matter. Inasmuch as we now have a lease of a hall in that vicinity at a rental of $1,900 per year which has three years yet to run, your committee deem it inexpedient in the interests of economy to construct a temporary building as suggested in the order referred.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Use of school-houses for children's entertainments, July 5, 1897.

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of the following school-houses for children's entertainments, July 5, 1897, provided that the regular janitors of said school-houses be employed at the expense of the City Council to take charge of the buildings on that day: Emerson, Roxbury High, Hancock, Comins, Phillips, John A. Andrew, Rice Training, Minot, Henry L. Pierce, Cyrus Alger, High School drill hall for dancing, Frothingham, George Putnam, Eliot, Lowell, Quincy, Lawrence, Harris, Dudley, Robert G. Shaw, Bunker Hill, Mt. Vernon, Wells, Hugh O'Brien,

Franklin, Martin, Lincoln, Tileston, Blackinton, and Sherwin.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That Susie M. Thacher, assistant instructor in wood-working, be placed on the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1897.

Salary of Susie M. Thacher.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order that there be paid to Amy Hutchins, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Bowditch District, for services performed in said school during the time it was without a master, in addition to the $65.95 already voted her by the Board, an amount equal to the salary she would have received had she been elected master of said school, reported that the matter has been carefully considered by this committee and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Amy Hutchins. [See p. 106.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Amy Hutchins, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Bowditch District, the sum of eighty-four and five one-hundredths dollars ($84.05) in addition to the amount already received by her for extra services performed in the Bowditch School during the time the school was without a master.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 6, 1897.)

Annual Report of Committee on Text-Books.

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That "The Finch Primer," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book for the third classes of the Primary Schools.

2. *Ordered*, That "Stepping Stones to Literature," published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for

use as a text-book in the third classes of the Primary Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That the "Child's Book of Language," Nos. 1, 2, and 3, by J. H. Stickney, be dropped from the list of text-books authorized in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That "Lessons in Language," by J. H. Stickney, be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That "Songs of the Nation," edited by Charles W. Johnson, and published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the second and first classes of the Grammar Schools.

6. *Ordered*, That Bayley's "Inductive Physical Science," published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

7. *Ordered*, That Webster's Academic Dictionary be authorized for use as a text-book in the fourth, third, second, and first classes of the Grammar Schools, and in the High and Latin Schools. Either Webster's Academic or Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary to be furnished.

8. *Ordered*, That "Merrill's Vertical Penmanship," published by Maynard, Merrill, & Co., the "Natural System of Vertical Writing," published by D. C. Heath & Co., and "Spencerian Penmanship, Vertical Edition," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books on penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That "Exercises in French Composition," Part II., by A. C. Kimball, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That "Preparatory Latin Composi-

tion," by Moulton & Collar, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That "New Latin Composition," by Daniell, published by Leach, Shewell, & Sanborn, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That "Viri Romæ," by Arrowsmith & Knapp, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That White's "First Greek Book," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

14. *Ordered*, That Kingsley's "Greek Heroes" and Scott's "Tales of a Grandfather," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That Carpenter's "Exercises in Rhetoric and Composition" be dropped from the list of text-books in the Latin Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That "The Euterpean" (Tufts), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Boys' Latin School.

17. *Ordered*, That Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That Freytag's "Die Journalisten," edited by Toy, and published by D. C. Heath & Co., be transferred from the list of text-books in the Grammar Schools to the list of text-books in the High and Latin Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That Baumbach's "Der Schwiegersohn," edited by Bernhardt, published by D. C. Heath

& Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That McCurdy's "Exercise Book in Algebra," published by Leach, Shewell, & Sanborn, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That Phillip's & Fisher's "Geometry," published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools, with the request that the publishers furnish the plane geometry separately for use of classes beginning the study of geometry.

22. *Ordered*, That "Expéditione de Bonaparte en Egypte," par Louis Adolphi Thiers, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

23. *Ordered*, That "Popular Science," by Luquiens, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

24. *Ordered*, That Johnston's "History of the United States for Schools," published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

25. *Ordered*, That Webster's Academic Dictionary be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Primary Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That the new edition of Chambers' Encyclopedia be substituted for the old as new books are needed.

27. *Ordered*, That "Elementary Physical Geography" (Tarr), published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a book of reference in the Grammar Schools, one copy for the desk of each teacher of the fourth, third, and second classes, and as a refer-

ence-book in the Latin Schools, one copy for the desk of each teacher.

28. *Ordered*, That Shaler's "Nature and Man in America," published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools, one copy for each school.

29. *Ordered*, That Shaler's "United States of America" (two-volume edition), published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools, one set to be furnished each school.

30. *Ordered*, That Martin's "Hints on Teaching Civics," published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools, one copy to be furnished for the desk of each teacher of civil government.

31. *Ordered*, That Channing & Hart's "Guides to American History," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized as a reference-book in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

32. *Ordered*, That Astronomical Charts, by F. W. Coar, be authorized for use in the High Schools, one set to be furnished for each school.

33. *Ordered*, That the Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia (edition of 1896) be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar, High, and Latin Schools.

34. *Ordered*, That Bryce's "American Commonwealth" (revised two-volume edition), published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High Schools, one copy to be furnished for each school.

35. *Ordered*, That the "Memorial History of Boston" be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Latin Schools, one set to be furnished for each school.

36. *Ordered*, That "English Literature," by Stopford A. Brooke, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High and Latin Schools, one copy to be supplied for the desk of each teacher of English.

37. *Ordered*, That Harper's "Dictionary of Classical Literature and Antiquities," edited by H. T. Peck, published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High and Latin Schools, one copy to be supplied each school.

38. *Ordered*, That the "First Year Nature Reader," by Beebe & Kingsley, published by the Werner Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the third classes of the Primary Schools.

39. *Ordered*, That "The Man without a Country," by Edward Everett Hale, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group B.

40. *Ordered*, That Redway's "Natural Elementary Geography," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group C.

41. *Ordered*, That Higginson & Channing's "English History for Americans" be dropped from the list of supplementary reading for the Latin Schools.

42. *Ordered*, That King's "Geographical Readers," Nos. 1 and 5, published by Lee & Shepard, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group B.

43. *Ordered*, That Carpenter's "Geographical Reader," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group B.

44. *Ordered*, That "The World and Its People," Book VI. (Life in Asia), published by Silver, Burdett,

& Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group A.

45. *Ordered*, That "Fifty Famous Stories Retold," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group C.

46. *Ordered*, That "The Princess," by Tennyson, edited by Andrew J. George, and published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

47. *Ordered*, That "Eutropius," edited by White, and published by Longmans, Green, & Co., and Homer's "Iliad," Books XIII. to XXIV. (Trübner edition), be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Girls' Latin School.

48. *Ordered*, That Fisher's "Brief History of the Nations," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High and Latin Schools.

49. *Ordered*, That "Selections for Sight Translation" (in French), by M. S. Bruce, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High and Latin Schools.

50. *Ordered*, That "Zoölogy for High Schools and Academies," by M. Burnet, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High and Latin Schools.

51. *Ordered*, That Frye's "Primary Geography" and Frye's "Complete Geography," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as additional text-books in geography in the sixth and fifth, and the fourth, third, second, and first classes, respectively, of the Grammar Schools.

52. *Ordered*, That the books and charts of the

"Natural Music Course," published by tne American Book Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

Mr. McDonald also presented minority reports of the Committee on Text-Books with reference to "Frye's Primary," and "Frye's Complete Geography," and with reference to the "Natural Music Course."

The reports were accepted, and the orders laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Annual School Festival; award of diplomas at annual school festival.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, to whom was referred — May 11 — an order that the diplomas awarded the graduates of the public schools this year be presented at the annual festival, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and recommend that it is inexpedient to make the change suggested in the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Date of graduating exercises in Normal School.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Ordered, That the graduating exercises in the Normal School be held on Friday, June 25, 1897.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Adams, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Caroline D. Aborn.

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the order.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the order should be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

The order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Adams, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Amendment of rules relative to rank of instructors in Normal School.

SECTION 99. Strike out after the word "head-master," in the second line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master." Strike out after the words "have a," in the fourth line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the ward "master." Strike out after the words "head-master and," in the sixth line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master."

SECTION 120. Strike out after the words "The salary of the," in the first line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Adams, for the same committee, offered the following:

Paving of Dartmouth street near Rice Training School-house.

Whereas, The city of Boston is about to pave that part of Dartmouth street near the Rice Grammar School-house, and

Whereas, the noise from the travel on granite paving near the said school-house is very troublesome to the said school, it is therefore

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause said street opposite the said school-house to be paved with wood, asphalt, or some other comparatively noiseless pavement.

The order passed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Strange, the vote whereby the order was declared passed was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the order was amended by striking out the words "City Council" and substituting in place thereof the words "Superintendent of Streets."

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to date of reopening of schools after long vacation.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended in Section 239, thirteenth line, by striking out the words "first Wednesday" and substituting therefor the words "Tuesday after the first Monday."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, it was

Advance in salary of teachers appointed on probation.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the regulations so as to provide that teachers nominated on probation shall not be advanced in the pay of their grade from the amounts paid on their election until they have been regularly confirmed.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Additional ungraded class in Eliot District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Eliot District, making eleven in all.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Erection of new Primary School-house in Washington Allston District.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting a new six-room building to accommodate the Kindergarten and Primary classes in the Washington Allston District.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following.

Establishment of new Grammar School district in Roslindale.

Ordered, That a new Grammar School district be established in Roslindale, and that the new Longfellow School be organized as the Grammar School of said district; and that the Committee on School Houses be requested to define the boundary lines of said district.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the order.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the order should be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was divided.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of that part of the order relating to the establishment of a new Grammar School district in Roslindale, and the organization of the new Longfellow School as the Grammar School of said district.

On motion of Mr. Allen, that part of the order relating to the establishment of a new district was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair stated that under the rule that part of the order relating to defining the boundary lines of the district should be referred to the Committee on School Houses, and the question was on its reference accordingly.

The part of the order relating to district lines was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to have the dead limbs on certain trees in front of the Charles Sumner School-house removed, the said trees being in a dangerous condition.

Removal of dead limbs on trees in front of Charles Sumner School-house.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Horace Mann School close for the summer vacation on Thursday, June 24, and that its graduating exercises be held on Friday, June 25, 1897.

Date of closing of Horace Mann School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That the public schools reopen after the summer vacation on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1897.

Date of reopening of public schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Sarah F. Paget relative to resolutions on death of Captain Paget.

11 Beale Street, Dorchester,
May 18, 1897.

To the School Committee:

Mr. Thornton D. Apollonio, *Secretary:* Please extend to the Chairman and members of the School Committee my sincere gratitude for the love and sympathy extended to us at this time of our affliction.

It is a comfort to know that the trust which was confided in my husband was acceptably performed by him, and your expressions of esteem for his memory are certainly a silver lining to the clouds overshadowing us. Again I thank you all most sincerely.

SARAH F. PAGET.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 8, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Dunn.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Charles Sumner District. — S. Louise Durant, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1897. Resignations of instructors.

Lowell District. — Charles E. Harris, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Prince District. — Antoinette M. Getchell, assistant, Grammar School, Grace S. Peirce, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

East Boston High School. — Gracia E. Read, assistant, from May 26, 1897. Temporary teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Frank B. Masters, instructor, from June 7, 1897.

Bennett District. — Annie R. Mohan, assistant, Primary School, from May 17, 1897.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from June 8, 1897.

Tileston District. — Mabel M. Anderson, assistant, Grammar School, from June 8, 1897.

Wells District. — Mary V. Prendergast, assistant, Primary School, from June 18, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Charlestown High School. — Harriet E. Hutchinson, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Christopher Gibson District. — Joseph T. F. Burrell, first assistant, Grammar School, from May 11, 1897.

Prince District. — Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School, Lillian F. Sheldon, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Robert G. Shaw Kindergarten. — Ellen G. Earnshaw, assistant, from June 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Florence M. DeMerritt, assistant, Primary School.

Dwight District. — Jennie M. Henderson, assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Cottage-place School. — Fannie W. Bacon, assistant.

Cudworth School. — Grace S. Mansfield, principal.

Smith-street School. — Gertrude A. Rausch, principal.

Unity Chapel. — Susan M. Mayhew, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Boys' Latin School. — Grenville C. Emery, master, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Jan. 1, 1898.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior-master, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Jan. 1, 1898; Fred R. Miller, substitute.

Adams District. — Annie A. Doran, substitute for Ellen M. Robbins, first assistant, Primary School, granted leave of absence.

Bennett District. — Annie R. Cox, assistant, Grammar School, from June 15, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Mabel L. Chapman, substitute.

Chapman District. — Marietta Duncan, first assistant, Primary School, from May 24, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Eliza M. Warren, substitute.

Appointment of John T. Hathaway, truant-officer.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the following-named candidate for the position of truant officer, to date from Sept. 7, 1897: John T. Hathaway.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of principals of schools, Director of Drawing, and Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported for reëlection the following-named principals of schools, Director of Drawing, and Master of Evening Drawing Schools:

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, head-master.

Bowditch District. — Edward W. Schuerch, master.

Comins District. — William H. Martin, master.

Master of Evening Drawing Schools. — Henry Hitchings.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1898:

Brighton High School. — John C. Ryder, master.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, head-master.

Bigelow District. — J. Gardner Bassett, master.

Eliot District. — Granville S. Webster, master.

Martin District. — Edward P. Sherburne, master.

Minot District. — F. Morton King, master.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, master.

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master.

Thomas N. Hart District. — John F. Dwight, master.

Director of Drawing. — J. Frederick Hopkins.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Allen, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Fleischer a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Principals of schools, Director of Drawing, and Master of Evening Drawing Schools elected.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, head-master, had 23 votes.

Bowditch District. — Edward W. Schuerch, master, had 23 votes.

Comins District. — William H. Martin, master, had 23 votes.

Master of Evening Drawing Schools. — Henry Hitchings had 23 votes.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1898.

Brighton High School. — John C. Ryder, master, had 23 votes.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, head-master, had 23 votes.

Bigelow District. — J. Gardner Bassett, master, had 23 votes.

Eliot District. — Granville S. Webster, master, had 23 votes.

Martin District. — Edward P. Sherburne, master, had 23 votes.

Minot District. — F. Morton King, master, had 23 votes.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, master, had 23 votes.

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master, had 23 votes.

Thomas N. Hart District. — John F. Dwight, master, had 23 votes.

Director of Drawing. — J. Frederick Hopkins had 23 votes.

The principals of schools, Director of Drawing, and Master of Evening Drawing Schools, as reported by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the terms specified, to date from Sept. 1, 1897.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of instructor in calisthenics, teacher of physical culture, and teacher of physical training.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported for reëlection the following-named instructors:

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1898:

Instructor in Calisthenics, Girls' Latin and East Boston High Schools. — Ruth B. Whittemore.

Teacher of Physical Culture, Roxbury High School. — Mary Hubbard.

On probation:

Teacher of Physical Training, Charlestown High School. — Harriet E. Hutchinson.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of armorer.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported the following nomination for reëlection for the term ending Aug. 31, 1898:

Armorer. — Charles H. Reardon.

Accepted, and the nomination unanimously confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of instructors.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, submitted, in print, a report nominating for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug, 31, 1898, the subordinate teachers of the several Normal, High, Latin, Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten Schools, and the special teachers of the special schools and subjects; the terms of service to date from Sept. 1, 1897. (See School Document No. 7, 1897.)

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That teachers with higher ranks than the rules allow be authorized for the school year 1897–98 as follows: One sub-master in the Bennett District; one sub-master in the Henry L. Pierce District; one sub-master in the Mather District; one sub-master in the Quincy District; one sub-master in the Washington Allston District; one first assistant, Grammar School, in the Christopher Gibson District; one first assistant, Grammar School, in the Emerson District; one first assistant, Grammar School, in the Robert G. Shaw District; and one first assistant, Primary School, in the Dwight District.

2. *Ordered*, That ungraded classes be allowed in the following-named districts, as stated: Agassiz, two; Bigelow, three; Dudley, two; Eliot, eleven; Franklin, two; Hancock, six; Henry L. Pierce, two; John A. Andrew, two; Lawrence, four; Phillips, four; Norcross, three; Quincy, two; Wells, three.

3. *Ordered*, That the nomination of teachers for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1898, as contained and specified in School Document No. 7, 1897, be confirmed.

The report was accepted.

Order 1 and Order 2 passed, under a suspension of the rules. Order 3 passed.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, it was

Ordered, That on and after Sept. 1, 1897, the entering class in the Primary School shall be designated as the first grade, and so on consecutively up to and including the graduating class in the Grammar School, which shall be designated as the ninth grade.

Designation of classes in Grammar and Primary Schools.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 25 — an order amending the rules so as to provide that the present rank of sub-master in the Normal School shall be abolished and the rank of master substituted therefor, reported that the matter has received careful consideration, and your committee are of the opinion that the rules should be amended as suggested in the order referred.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of rules relative to rank of instructors in Normal School. [See p. 171.]

They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 99. Strike out after the word "head-master," in the second line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master." Strike out after the words "have a," in the fourth line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master." Strike out after the words "head-master and," in the sixth line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master."

SECTION 120. Strike out after the words "The salary of the," in the first line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of rules relative to salaries of assistant principals.

Ordered, That section 119 of the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 119. Add the following to the section: "The salaries of assistant principals in mixed High Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding three years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourth and each subsequent year of service."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to date of reopening of schools. [See p. 172.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 25 — an order amending the regulations so as to provide that the public schools shall reopen after the long vacation on the Tuesday following the first Monday in September instead of on the first Wednesday in said month, reported that they have carefully considered the matter and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 210. Strike out the words "first Wednesday," in the fourth line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 239. Strike out the words "first Wednesday," in the thirteenth line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 278. Strike out the words "first Wednesday and Thursday," in the third line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 292. Strike out the words "first Wednesday," in the tenth line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 300. Strike out the words "Thursday following the first Wednesday," in the first and second

lines, and substitute therefor the words "Wednesday following the first Monday."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; advance in salary of teachers appointed on probation. [See p. 172.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, who were requested — May 25 — to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the regulations so as to provide that teachers nominated on probation shall not be advanced in the pay of their grade from the amounts paid on their election until they have been regularly confirmed, reported that this order has received the careful and earnest attention of your committee. In their opinion, it is not wise to amend the regulations as suggested, and they therefore recommend that no action in the matter be taken by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; designation of classes in Grammar and Primary Schools, etc.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 103, paragraph 3. Substitute the word "grades" for the word "classes," in the twelfth line.

SECTION 245. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 245. The Kindergartens shall be under the charge of the Committee on Kindergartens, and in them instruction shall be given to children of three and one-half years of age and upwards. The sessions of these schools shall be such as the committee in charge shall determine, who shall also prescribe the course of instruction.

SECTION 253. Strike out the section.

SECTION 254. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 254. The pupils in the Primary Schools

shall be divided into three grades, and each grade may be subdivided, as its numbers may require. The schools in each district shall be graded under the direction of the principal. The lowest grade in the Primary Schools shall be designated the first grade.

SECTION 255. Substitute the word "grade" for the word "class," in the seventh line.

SECTION 256. Substitute the words "grade to grade" for the words "class to class," in the second line.

SECTION 262. Strike out the section.

SECTION 263. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 263. The pupils in the Grammar Schools shall be divided into six grades, and each grade may be subdivided as its numbers may require. The lowest grade in these schools shall be designated the fourth grade. The courses of study shall be for either four or six years, and shall be arranged by the Committee on Examinations and approved by the Board. If any division complete the course of study assigned to its grade previous to the regular time for promotion, it may, with the approval of the principal, begin upon the text-books prescribed for the next higher grade.

SECTION 264. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 264. Lessons to be learned out of school shall be such as a pupil of good capacity can learn in an hour's study at most, and shall not be required from pupils in the Primary Schools, or in the Grammar Schools below the seventh grade, and no such lessons shall be required during the month of June, except from the ninth grade. Lessons to be studied in school shall not be such as to require a pupil of ordinary capacity to study out of school to learn them.

SECTION 267. Substitute the word "grades" for the word "classes," in the second line.

SECTION 268. Substitute the word "grades" for the word "classes," in the second line. Substitute the words "ninth grade" for the words "graduating class," in the fifth and sixth lines. Substitute the word "grade" for the word "class," in the seventh line.

SECTION 275. Strike out the section to and including the word "schools," in the fifth line.

SECTION 277. Strike out the section following the word "that," in the fifth line, and substitute the following words in place thereof: "required for graduation from the Grammar Schools."

SECTION 290. Strike out the section.

SECTION 291. Insert after the word "study," in the first line, the words "for the Latin Schools."

SECTION 292. Substitute the words "seventh grade" for the words "third class," in the eighth line.

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to required reports from Board of Supervisors.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 81. Insert after the word "Nominations," in the seventh line, the following: "Before the appointment or election of any director, principal, or instructor, the Board of Supervisors shall recommend, in writing, a candidate to the committee in charge, and such recommendation shall in all cases, whether adopted by the committee or not, be submitted to the Board together with the nomination. In the case of an instructor not a principal, the Board of Supervisors shall, before making such recommendation, confer with the principal of the school.

"All propositions for the transfer of instructors from one district to another, or from one rank to another, shall, when submitted to the Board, be accompanied by a report thereon of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 84. Strike out the words "conferring with the principals," in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 90. Strike out the words "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors." Add to the second paragraph of the same section after the word "election," in the sixth line, the words "with the recommendation in writing of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 91. Strike out the words "in consultation with the principal," in the second and third lines, and insert in place thereof the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors."

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Instruction in military drill in High and Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so that military instruction shall no longer be required in the High and Latin Schools.

Referred to the Joint Committee on High Schools and Rules and Regulations.

Report of Joint Committee on Examinations and Hygiene and Physical Training; physical training in public schools.

Mr. Lowell, for the Joint Committee on Examinations and Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order relative to the incorporation of a more thorough course of physical training into the school course, and the modification of the present curriculum so as to admit of more time being devoted to this most important branch of education, presented the following report:

The Joint Committee on Examinations and Hygiene and Physical Training, after hearing the petitions for an increased amount of physical training in the public schools, beg leave to submit the following brief report:

As the city becomes more densely populated the opportunities for normal and healthy exercise by children become less and less. A generation ago the boys and girls in most parts of the city were within easy reach of open lots, or suburban spaces, where they could play active games; but with the growth of the city this is no longer true, and it has become necessary for the schools to supply a want unfelt in the past.

The Swedish system of free movements in use in the Primary Schools is excellent so far as it goes, but it ought to be supplemented by a larger amount of physical training. This is still more necessary in the Grammar Schools, where the free movements alone are far from sufficient for the needs of the older children.

The additional time required cannot wisely be taken from the hours now devoted to study either in the Primary or Grammar Schools; for the period of study in American schools is already shorter than that in the schools of other highly civilized nations, and the progress of the children in education is less rapid. There seems to be no reason, however, why in schools that have two sessions a part or the whole of the twenty-minute recess may not be profitably used for a system of games, or light gymnastic exercises, conducted under the direction of the teacher. The mental relaxation and the active movement, which constitute the real value of the recess, would be quite as great as they are at present.

Among the pupils in the High Schools the need of physical culture is even greater. This is already supplied to some extent in the case of the girls by gymnastic exercises, which ought to be extended until in every High School there is a properly equipped gymnasium, and its use is a regular part of the curriculum. In the case of the boys the only physical exercise provided is that of military drill. Now it is the universal opinion of experts that the drill alone does not furnish the best kind of physical training; that it ought at least to be supplemented by regular compulsory work in a gymnasium. Such work might well be made preparatory to a somewhat abridged period of drill. A year, for example, might be devoted to it with great advantage, and every boy might be required to attain a certain standard of development before he is placed in the school regiment.

With a view to carrying out these suggestions the following order is herewith submitted to the Board:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors together with the Director

of Physical Training be requested to prepare and put into operation a plan for giving effect to the recommendations of the foregoing report.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following:

Granting of certificates of proficiency to pupils in High Schools.

Ordered, That the power relative to the granting of diplomas, which is vested by the regulations (section 173) in the Board of Supervisors, be extended this year so as to include the granting of certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the High Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, it was

Amendment of course of study in Grammar Schools; time assigned to drawing.

Ordered, That the course of study for the Grammar Schools be amended by taking half an hour a week from the time assigned to manual training, and adding it to the time assigned to drawing for pupils not for the time being engaged in either sewing (including drafting and cutting), or cookery, or wood-working.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

List of authorized text and reference books.

Ordered, That the list of authorized text and reference books for the school year 1897–98 be printed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, offered the following:

Graduates of Normal, High, and Latin Schools excused from attending annual school festival.

Ordered, That the graduates of the Normal, Latin, and High Schools be excused from attending the annual school festival this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, presented a Course of Study in Drawing for Primary

and Grammar Schools, which had been approved by the Committee on Examinations, and recommended the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the accompanying Course of Study in Drawing for Primary and Grammar Schools be adopted.

Course of Study in Drawing; edition of.

Ordered, That twenty-five hundred copies of the Course of Study in Drawing for Primary and Grammar Schools be printed as a school document.

The orders passed.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the death of Anna I. Duncan, late first assistant, Primary School, in the Lyman District.

Death of Anna I. Duncan.

Accepted.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 25 — an order that Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, be paid two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School, reported that in their opinion the claim is a just one, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Caroline D. Aborn. [See p. 170.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the sum of forty dollars ($40) be paid to Elizabeth Pye for services rendered as teacher of sewing in the Christopher Gibson District from March 1, 1897, to June 30, 1897.

Payment to Elizabeth Pye.

Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of Wyman School-house; erection of new school-house in Washington Allston District. [See pp. 100, 172.]

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred — March 23 — an order that the Wyman School-house in the Lowell District be enlarged by the addition of two rooms in accordance with the original plans and specifications; and — May 25 — an order requesting this committee to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting a new six-room building to accommodate the Kindergarten and Primary classes in the Washington Allston District, reported that the amount available for the construction and enlargement of school buildings during the current year is not sufficient to warrant the expenditure, at the present time, of the amounts necessary to carry out the work suggested in the orders referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Bowdlear offered the following:

Extension of West Roxbury High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the extension of the West Roxbury High School building, and report at the next meeting of this Board the name of an architect for the same.

Lost.

Subsequently Mr. Lowell moved that the vote whereby the order was declared lost be reconsidered.

Mr. Strange asked the ruling of the Chair whether or not the Committee on School Houses would be obliged to bring in the name of an architect at the next meeting under the terms of the order as presented by Mr. Bowdlear.

The Chair ruled that under the terms of the order it was optional for the Committee on School Houses to report the name of an architect or not.

Mr. Lowell's motion to reconsider passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be extended to Col. Fred. B. Bogan for the care and courtesy shown by him in the preparation and conduct of the Annual Parade and Prize Drills of the Boston School Cadets.

Thanks of Board extended to Col. Fred. B. Bogan.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the King-street School-house be granted to Carlton Hunneman for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Use of King-street School-house granted for vacation school.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That the rooms for the accommodation of wood-working classes in the E-street church be equipped to accommodate ninety pupils, and the necessary partitions erected therein.

Rooms for accommodation of wood-working classes in E-street church equipped to accommodate ninety pupils.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional room for wood-working classes be fitted up in the Thomas N. Hart District.

Additional room for wood-working in Thomas N. Hart District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be appropriated for visiting girls' manual training schools, and that this sum be expended under the direction of the Committee on Manual Training.

Appropriation for visiting Girls' Manual Training Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to S. Maria Elliott the

Payment to S. Maria Elliott.

sum of eighteen dollars ($18) for services performed in connection with the schools of cookery.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Leave of absence to Catharine L. Bigelow.

Ordered, That leave of absence till July 1, 1897, be granted to Catharine L. Bigelow, sewing-teacher in the Prince and Bowdoin Schools, without loss of pay.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Prosecution of Joseph Dohrhanna.

Ordered, That Richard W. Walsh, truant officer, be directed, in the name of the city of Boston, to prosecute Joseph Dohrhanna, living at 28 Rochester street, for neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the same committee, it was

Prosecution of Daniel Coleman.

Ordered, That George W. Bean, truant officer, be directed, in the name of the city of Boston, to prosecute Daniel Coleman, living on Dorchester avenue, for neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Securing of vacant lot adjoining Charlestown High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to at once take measures to secure for school purposes the vacant lot adjoining the Charlestown High School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Selection of architect for new High School building in Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the selection of an architect for a new High School building in Dorchester as early as possible.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the death of Sarah M. Brown, late assistant, Primary School, in the Lawrence District.

Death of Sarah M. Brown.

Accepted.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Samuel P. Howard, janitor of the Bigelow School-house, be fixed at the rate of seventy-five dollars ($75) per month, to date from Feb. 1, 1897.

Salary of Samuel P. Howard.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional assistant, Grammar School, be allowed in the Agassiz District.

Additional assistant, Grammar School, Agassiz District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That the desks in the Primary School-houses in the Agassiz and Bowditch Districts be fitted with ink-wells, in order to try the experiment of using ink in the Primary Schools instead of pencils.

Desks in Primary School-houses in Agassiz and Bowditch Districts fitted with ink-wells.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report on the selection of an architect for a South Boston High School-house at as early a date as possible.

Selection of architect for South Boston High School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider and report as early as possible the name of an architect for a new Girls' Latin School-house.

Selection of architect for Girls' Latin School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Selection of architect for for East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the selection of an architect for a new High School building in East Boston as early as possible.

Referred to the Committee on School houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Attention of principals called to section 228 of regulations.

Ordered, That the attention of the principals of schools be called to section 228 of the regulations, which provides that "no agent or other person shall be permitted to enter any school premises for the purpose of exhibiting, either to teachers or pupils, any book or article offered for sale."

Orders appended to report of Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the orders appended to the Report of the Committee on Text-Books were taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Order 1 was amended by adding the following words to the order: "to be supplied at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies."

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Order 2 was amended by adding after the words "Stepping Stones to Literature" the words "No. 1," and by adding the following words to the order: "to be supplied at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies."

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Order 5 was amended by substituting for the words "text-book in the second and first classes of the Grammar Schools" the following words: "supplementary music-book, the number of copies to be supplied not to exceed the number of pupils in the first classes of the Grammar Schools."

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Order 6 was amended by inserting after the word "text-book," in the third line, the words "in the first classes," and by substituting the word "in" for the word "of," in the same line.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Order 25 was amended by inserting after the words "Webster's Academic Dictionary" the words "or Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary.

Mr. McDonald moved that the first fifty orders be taken up together, as follows:

1. *Ordered*, That "The Finch Primer," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book for the third classes of the Primary Schools, to be supplied at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

2. *Ordered*, That "Stepping Stones to Literature, No. 1," published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the third classes of the Primary Schools, to be supplied at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

3. *Ordered*, That the "Child's Book of Language," Nos. 1, 2, and 3, by J. H. Stickney, be dropped from the list of text-books authorized in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That "Lessons in Language," by J. H. Stickney, be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That "Songs of the Nation," edited by Charles W. Johnson, and published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as a supplementary music book, the number of copies to be supplied not to exceed the number of pupils in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

6. *Ordered*, That Bailey's "Inductive Physical Science," published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

7. *Ordered*, That Webster's Academic Dictionary be authorized for use as a text-book in the fourth, third,

second, and first classes of the Grammar Schools, and in the High and Latin Schools. Either Webster's Academic or Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary to be furnished.

8. *Ordered*, That Merrill's "Vertical Penmanship," published by Maynard, Merrill & Co., the "Natural System of Vertical Writing," published D. C. Heath & Co., and "Spencerian Penmanship, Vertical Edition," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books on penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That "Exercises in French Composition," Part II., by A. C. Kimball, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That "Preparatory Latin Composition," by Moulton & Collar, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That "New Latin Composition," by Daniell, published by Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That "Viri Romæ," by Arrowsmith & Knapp, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That White's "First Greek Book," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

14. *Ordered*, That Kingsley's "Greek Heroes" and Scott's "Tales of a Grandfather," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That Carpenter's "Exercises in Rhetoric and Composition" be dropped from the list of text-books in the Latin Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That "The Euterpean" (Tufts), published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Boys' Latin School.

17. *Ordered*, That Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That Freytag's "Die Journalisten," edited by Toy, and published by D. C. Heath & Co., be transferred from the list of text-books in the Grammar Schools to the list of text-books in the High and Latin Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That Baumbach's "Der Schwiegersohn," edited by Bernhard, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That McCurdy's "Exercise Book in Algebra," published by Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That Phillip's & Fisher's "Geometry," published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools, with the request that the publishers furnish the plane geometry separately for use of classes beginning the study of geometry.

22. *Ordered*, That "Expéditione de Bonaparte en Egypte," par Louis Adolphi Thiers, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

23. *Ordered*, That "Popular Science," by Luquiens, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

24. *Ordered*, That Johnston's "History of the United States for Schools," published by Henry Holt

& Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

25. *Ordered*, That Webster's Academic Dictionary or Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Primary Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That the new edition of Chambers' Encyclopedia be substituted for the old as new books are needed.

27. *Ordered*, That "Elementary Physical Geography" (Tarr), published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a book of reference in the Grammar Schools, one copy for the desk of each teacher of the fourth, third, and second classes, and as a reference-book in the Latin Schools, one copy for the desk of each teacher.

28. *Ordered*, That Shaler's "Nature and Man in America," published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools, one copy for each school.

29. *Ordered*, That Shaler's "United States of America" (two-volume edition), published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools, one set to be furnished each school.

30. *Ordered*, That Martin's "Hints on Teaching Civics," published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools, one copy to be furnished for the desk of each teacher of civil government.

31. *Ordered*, That Channing & Hart's "Guides to American History," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized as a reference-book in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

32. *Ordered*, That Astronomical Charts, by F. W.

Coar, be authorized for use in the High Schools, one set to be furnished for each school.

33. *Ordered*, That the Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia (edition of 1896) be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar, High, and Latin schools.

34. *Ordered*, That Bryce's "American Commonwealth" (revised two-volume edition), published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High Schools, one copy to be furnished for each school.

35. *Ordered*, That the "Memorial History of Boston" be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Latin Schools, one set to be furnished for each school.

36. *Ordered*, That "English Literature," by Stopford A. Brooke, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High and Latin Schools, one copy to be supplied for the desk of each teacher of English.

37. *Ordered*, That Harper's "Dictionary of Classical Literature and Antiquities," edited by H. T. Peck, published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High and Latin Schools, one copy to be supplied each school.

38. *Ordered*, That the "First Year Nature Reader," by Beebe & Kingsley, published by the Werner Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the third classes of the Primary Schools.

39. *Ordered*, That "The Man without a Country," by Edward Everett Hale, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group B.

40. *Ordered*, That Redway's "Natural Elementary Geography," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group C.

41. *Ordered*, That Higginson & Channing's "English History for Americans" be dropped from the list of supplementary reading for the Latin Schools.

42. *Ordered*, That King's "Geographical Readers," Nos. 1 and 5, published by Lee & Shepard, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group B.

43. *Ordered*, That Carpenter's "Geographical Reader," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group B.

44. *Ordered*, That "The World and Its People," Book VI. (Life in Asia), published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group A.

45. *Ordered*, That "Fifty Famous Stories Retold," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, group C.

46. *Ordered*, That "The Princess," by Tennyson, edited by Andrew J. George, and published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

47. *Ordered*, That "Eutropius," edited by White, and published by Longmans, Green & Co., and Homer's "Iliad," Books XIII. to XXIV. (Trübner edition), be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Girls' Latin School.

48. *Ordered*, That Fisher's "Brief History of the Nations," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High and Latin Schools.

49. *Ordered*, That "Selections for Sight Translation" (in French), by M. S. Bruce, published by D.

C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High and Latin Schools.

50. *Ordered*, That "Zoölogy for High Schools and Academies," by M. Burnet, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High and Latin Schools.

Mr. Liebmann raised the point of order that the Board could not legally vote on Order 8, said order being based upon a report of the Committee on Examinations of Dec. 8, 1896 (see page 474 of Minutes of 1896), which report had been accepted but not adopted.

The Chair ruled that the acceptance of the report implied the adoption of the recommendations of said report, and therefore the point of order was not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, Order 8 was laid on the table.

Mr. McDonald moved as an amendment to the former motion offered by him that the first fifty orders, with the exception of Order 8, be taken up together.

Mr. McDonald's motion to amend passed, and his motion as amended passed.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the orders, and ruled that it would require 16 votes to pass the orders.

The orders passed, 22 members voting in the affirmative.

51. *Ordered*, That Frye's "Primary Geography" and Frye's "Complete Geography," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as additional text-books in geography in the sixth and fifth, and the fourth, third, second, and first classes, respectively, of the Grammar Schools.

Mr. Allen moved that when the question be taken on the passage of the order it be by yeas and nays.

Mr. Allen's motion passed.

Opinion of Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Fleischer, the opinion of the Superintendent was requested as to whether the text-books at present used are unfit for further use, and whether Frye's Geography is the only book to be substituted above all others.

The Superintendent stated:

The object in recommending the adoption of the Frye's Series of Geographies was to place within the reach of our teachers some geography in addition to the one now used. The present geography is almost exclusively a commercial and political geography. If I could have everything just as I would like it in the schools, I would have the old books now in use and Frye's Geographies supplied to each class in about equal numbers, for the reason that our schools are very much in need of some suitable material for teaching physical geography. Proper instruction in geography cannot be given unless there be a basis of physical geography on which to give the instruction.

It is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to have the teachers of this city furnished with the apparatus whereby they may establish our instruction in geography on the right basis; and so we have recommended the best series of books we could find for that purpose.

Mr. Coolidge moved that the order be recommitted to the Committee on Text-Books.

Lost by a vote of 5 to 15.

Mr. Fleischer offered the following:

Yeas and nays.

Ordered, That action be deferred on Order 51 of the Text-Book Committee's report until further expert and reliable opinion can be had that the text-book in geography at present in use in our schools is unfit for such further use and that, therefore, a change of text-books in geography is not only desirable but imperative.

Lost by a vote of 6 to 14.

Order 51 was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell and Paul — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Liebmann, McDonald, and Strange — 10.

Absent. — Mr. Dunn.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the vote whereby Order 51 was declared lost was reconsidered.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be laid on the table.

Mr. Strange moved as an amendment to Mr. Paul's motion that the order be recommitted to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the motion to lay on the table takes precedence over the motion to recommit.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Paul's motion passed by a vote of 13 to 8.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, Order 8 was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the order was divided.

Mr. Bassett moved the adoption of the second item in the order, viz.: The Natural System of Vertical Writing, published by D. C. Heath & Co.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion upon the matter.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that the Natural System of Vertical Writing, published by D. C. Heath & Co., was first selected as embodying distinctly the principles of vertical writing. Then followed the Educational System by Leach, Shewell & Sanborn; then Merrill's Vertical Penmanship, and then the Spencerian Penmanship, Vertical Edition. There was a decided preference for the Natural System of Vertical Writing. The order in which the other three books are named implies no preference of one over another.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be recommitted to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Lowell moved, as an amendment to Mr. Paul's motion, that the order be laid on the table.

Mr. Lowell's motion to amend passed, and the order was laid on the table by a vote of 13 to 7.

Petition of Homer Rogers *et als.*; establishment of Kindergarten in Allston District.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, May, 1897.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, legal voters of Ward 25, respectfully petition your committee for the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Allston District, on the south side of the railroad track.

HOMER ROGERS,
and forty-seven others.

Referred to the Committee on Kindergartens.

Petition of Richard E. Cochran *et als.*; new school-house accommodations at Forest Hills.

The Chair read the following:

MARCH 4, 1897.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

The undersigned, residents of that part of Boston known as Forest Hills and the vicinity thereof, respectfully represent unto your honorable body that there is a great and pressing need of new school-house accommodations at Forest Hills; that the two-room building now in use there is a poor one and poorly located; that it is much overcrowded; that there are now at least one hundred and fifty pupils, probably two hundred, who belong at Forest Hills and who would attend school at the new school-house when one is built upon the Walk Hill lot, who now go to Jamaica Plain for school accommodations.

Your petitioner also believes that there are at least one hundred more pupils who would avail themselves of school privileges if a school-house were built, and in our judgment there are at least three hundred pupils who would attend school in such new school-house were it built.

Your petitioner also believes that the lack of proper school accommodations at Forest Hills is now retarding the natural growth of population in that vicinity.

We would therefore respectfully ask and pray that your honorable Board will, as soon as possible, build a school-house to contain eight or ten rooms and a hall upon the lot already owned by the city for that purpose on Walk Hill street, and your petitioner asks that they may be granted a hearing upon this matter at an early date.

RICHARD E. COCHRAN,
and one hundred ninety-nine others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL BOARDS.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., June 5, 1897.

To the Secretary Board of Education, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: Attention is herewith called to the second national convention of School Boards (Department of School Administration, N.E.A.) of the United States, to be held at Milwaukee, Wis., July 8 and 9. The foremost men now serving, and who have won distinction through their labors, on Boards of Education, will treat the most important topics affecting the management of practical school affairs. A general discussion by representatives from all parts of the country will follow each address. It is urged that Boards of Education give this matter careful official consideration, sending at least one delegate at the expense of the District, if necessary, a precedent which has been established in two or three States that have organized State School Board Associations.

Communication from President of Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association for School Boards; second national convention of School Boards.

Several programmes are enclosed for the use of the members of your Board.

Half-fare railroad rates from all parts of the United States have been arranged for. Hotel accommodations can be provided for in advance by writing to the Secretary.

Will you kindly read this letter to your Board at the next regular meeting, and early notify the Secretary of School Administration Department of N.E.A. of its action?

H. D. GETZ,
President.
WM. G. BRUCE,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board adjourned, before taking action on Order 52 appended to the report of Committee on Text-Books.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 22, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Office of City Clerk,
City of Boston, City Hall, June 12, 1897.

School Board, Boston:

Gentlemen: I would respectfully call your attention to chapter 442 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year entitled "An Act Relative to the Building of School-houses in the City of Boston."

Yours respectfully,
J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Communication from City Clerk calling attention to chapter 442 of Acts of 1897.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Section 99. Strike out after the word "head-master," in the second line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master." Strike out after the words "have a," in the fourth line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master." Strike out after the words "head-master and," in the sixth line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master."

Section 120. Strike out after the words "The salary of the," in the first line, the word "sub-master," and insert in place thereof the word "master."

Amendment of rules relative to rank of instructors in Normal School. [See pp. 171, 181.]

The order passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of rules relative to salaries of assistant principals. [See pp. 181, 182.]

Ordered, That section 119 of the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 119. Add the following to the section: "The salaries of assistant principals in mixed High Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding three years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourth and each subsequent year of service."

The order passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to date of reopening of schools. [See pp. 172, 182, 183.]

Ordered, That the regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 210. Strike out the words "first Wednesday," in the fourth line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 239. Strike out the words "first Wednesday," in the thirteenth line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 278. Strike out the words "first Wednesday and Thursday," in the third line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 292. Strike out the words "first Wednesday," in the tenth line, and substitute therefor the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 300. Strike out the words "Thursday following the first Wednesday," in the first and second lines, and substitute therefor the words "Wednesday following the first Monday."

The order passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to required reports

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 81. Insert after the word "Nominations,"

in the seventh line, the following: "Before the appointment or election of any director, principal, or instructor, the Board of Supervisors shall recommend, in writing, a candidate to the committee in charge, and such recommendation shall in all cases, whether adopted by the committee or not, be submitted to the Board together with the nomination. In the case of an instructor not a principal, the Board of Supervisors shall, before making such recommendation, confer with the principal of the school.

from Board of Supervisors. [See pp. 185, 186.]

"All propositions for the transfer of instructors from one district to another, or from one rank to another, shall, when submitted to the Board, be accompanied by a report thereon of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 84. Strike out the words "conferring with the principals," in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 90. Strike out the words "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors." Add to the second paragraph of the same section after the word "election," in the sixth line, the words "with the recommendation in writing of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 91. Strike out the words "in consultation with the principal," in the second and third lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors."

Mr. Lowell moved to amend the order by inserting, in section 81, for the words "In the case of an instructor not a principal, the Board of Supervisors shall, before making such recommendation, confer with the principal of the school" the following words: "In the

case of an instructor not a principal, the Board of Supervisors shall not make a recommendation which is not approved by the principal of the school."

Mr. McDonald moved that the whole matter be laid upon the table.

Lost by a vote of 6 to 10.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the amendment was not germain to the original order; that being a radical change it should lie on the table for two weeks, as was done with the original order.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Anderson moved that the original order and the amendment be recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Lowell moved that the Superintendent be requested to give his opinion on the matter.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that under section 16 of the Rules and Regulations the motion to recommit takes precedence over the motion requesting the opinion of the Superintendent.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken, it being competent for the Superintendent or any Supervisor to give his opinion at any time when requested so to do by the Board.

The Superintendent stated that he had hoped the motion to recommit would prevail, for he was in doubt as to the effect of the amendment now proposed. The whole matter was one of exceeding importance, full of delicate issues, which should be treated with much care. He had in conversation assented to the idea that some amendment designed to allay certain apprehensions would help the measure now before the Board; but that statement was made without full consideration; and since the debate had begun he had felt some gathering doubts as to the full effect of the amendment that had been submitted.

It would be remembered by the Committee on Rules and Regulations that the Board of Supervisors had expressed an opinion on the general measure, and that they had expressed no desire whatever to

be clothed with the duties proposed; but had stated that, if it was the pleasure of the School Board to place those duties on the Board of Supervisors, the present members would endeavor to discharge those duties to the best of their abilities, and in a spirit of loyalty to public duty.

He could not conceive that any Board of Supervisors would undertake to force upon the principal of a school a nomination of which he did not approve. It seemed that this was a contingency which did not need to be provided against in the manner proposed in the amendment. However, if an amendment of that kind would do away with some apprehension that may be entertained, it might be well enough to make it in a modified form.

Being asked whether the report of the Board of Supervisors on the proposed change was not unanimous, the Superintendent answered that it was unanimous. Further, asked whether the Supervisors did not express the opinion that it would be a wise change, he answered that the opinion expressed in the report was that legislation of the kind proposed would be in the direction of progress and that it would be wise; and then the Supervisors had intimated very clearly that in a spirit of loyalty to public duty the function of selecting teachers, if imposed, would be accepted.

The Chair stated the question was on the motion to recommit.

Mr. Anderson's motion to recommit passed by a vote of 11 to 10.

Mr. Lowell moved that the vote whereby the order and amendment were recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations be reconsidered.

Lost.

Subsequently Mr. Anderson moved that the vote whereby the order and amendment were recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations be reconsidered.

The Chair ruled that one motion having already been made to reconsider this vote it was not competent under the rules to entertain a second motion to reconsider.

On motion of Mr. Lowell the rules were suspended and the vote whereby the order and amendment were recommitted was reconsidered.

Mr. Anderson moved that the amendment be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Strange asked for the ruling of the Chair as to whether the amendment could be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations until it was separated from the original order.

The Chair ruled that the amendment could not be so referred apart from the original order.

Mr. Anderson appealed for the decision of the Chair.

The Chair was not sustained by a vote of 6 to 14.

The Chair stated that the question was on the motion that the amendment be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson's motion to refer the amendment to the Committee on Rules and Regulations passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the original order was laid on the table.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; designation of classes in Grammar and Primary Schools, etc. [See pp. 183, 184, 185.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 103, paragraph 3. Substitute the word "grades" for the word "classes," in the twelfth line.

SECTION 245. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 245. The Kindergartens shall be under the charge of the Committee on Kindergartens, and in them instruction shall be given to children of three and one-half years of age and upwards. The sessions of these schools shall be such as the committee in charge shall determine, who shall also prescribe the course of instruction.

SECTION 253. Strike out the section.

SECTION 254. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 254. The pupils in the Primary Schools

shall be divided into three grades, and each grade may be subdivided, as its numbers may require. The schools in each district shall be graded under the direction of the principal. The lowest grade in the Primary Schools shall be designated the first grade.

SECTION 255. Substitute the word "grade" for the word "class," in the seventh line.

SECTION 256. Substitute the words "grade to grade" for the words "class to class," in the second line.

SECTION 262. Strike out the section.

SECTION 263. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 263. The pupils in the Grammar Schools shall be divided into six grades, and each grade may be subdivided as its numbers may require. The lowest grade in these schools shall be designated the fourth grade. The courses of study shall be for either four or six years, and shall be arranged by the Committee on Examinations and approved by the Board. If any division complete the course of study assigned to its grade previous to the regular time for promotion, it may, with the approval of the principal, begin upon the text-books prescribed for the next higher grade.

SECTION 264. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 264. Lessons to be learned out of school shall be such as a pupil of good capacity can learn in an hour's study at most, and shall not be required from pupils in the Primary Schools, or in the Grammar Schools below the seventh grade, and no such lessons shall be required during the month of June, except from the ninth grade. Lessons to be studied in school shall not be such as to require a pupil of ordinary capacity to study out of school to learn them.

SECTION 267. Substitute the word "grades" for the word "classes," in the second line.

SECTION 268. Substitute the word "grades" for the word "classes," in the second line. Substitute the words "ninth grade" for the words "graduating class," in the fifth and sixth lines. Substitute the word "grade" for the word "class," in the seventh line.

SECTION 275. Strike out the section to and including the word "schools," in the fifth line.

SECTION 277. Strike out the section following the word "that," in the fifth line, and substitute the following words in place thereof: "required for graduation from the Grammar Schools."

SECTION 290. Strike out the section.

SECTION 291. Insert after the word "study," in the first line, the words "for the Latin Schools."

SECTION 292. Substitute the words "seventh grade" for the words "third class," in the eighth line.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; establishment of new Grammar School district in Roslindale. [See p. 172.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 25 — an order that a new Grammar School district be established in Roslindale, and that the new Longfellow School be organized as the Grammar School of said district; and that the Committee on School Houses be requested to define the boundary lines of said district, reported that the committee have given the matter careful consideration, and are of the opinion that a new district should be established as recommended in the order referred. They therefore recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That a new Grammar School district be established in Roslindale, and that the new Longfellow School be organized as the Grammar School of said district.

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Longfellow District be as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Washington and High streets; thence by a line in a northerly direction to the junction of Church and Centre streets; thence by the centre of Church street to the Brookline line; thence by said line to Allandale street; thence by the centres of Allandale, Centre, Walter, Bussey, and South streets, to the Dedham branch railroad; thence to a point where a line extended from the junction of said railroad and South street to the junction of Walk Hill and Bourne streets would cross Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington street to Metropolitan avenue; thence by the centre of Metropolitan avenue to Kittredge street; thence by the centre of Kittredge street to Beech street; thence by the centre of Beech street to Farrington avenue; thence by the centre of Farrington avenue to Rockland street; thence by the centre of Rockland street to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

That the boundary lines of the Charles Sumner District be amended as follows:

Strike out all after the words "Washington streets," in the fifth line, to and including the words "South street," in the tenth line, and substitute the following therefor: "thence by the centre of Washington street to Rockland street; thence by the centre of Rockland street to Farrington avenue; thence by the centre of Farrington avenue to Beech street; thence by the centre of Beech street to Kittredge street; thence by the centre of Kittredge street to Metropolitan avenue; thence by the centre of Metropolitan avenue to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington street to a point where a line extended from the junction of the Dedham

branch railroad and South street to the junction of Walk Hill and Bourne streets would cross Washington street."

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Order for City Treasurer to issue bonds for $250,000 for new school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue during the current year negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of High School-houses, under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Proposals of site for new High School-house, East Boston.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in East Boston, containing not less than 20,000 square feet, for a site for a High School building, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to give a hearing as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Use of Norcross School-house for children's entertainments, July 5, 1897.

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of the Norcross School-house for children's entertainments, July 5, 1897, provided that the regular janitor of said school-house be employed at the expense of the City Council to take charge of the building on that day.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Charlestown High School. — Harriet E. Hutchinson, teacher of physical training, Sept. 7, 1897. Resignations of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Elizabeth M. Mann, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 7, 1897.

Charles Sumner District. — Loca P. Howard, sub-master, Sept. 7, 1897.

Lyman District. — Mary E. Williams, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Frothingham District. — Mabel B. LeFavor, assistant, Grammar School, from June 8, 1897. Temporary teachers.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from June 23, 1897.

Lyman District. — Margaret E. Roche, assistant, Primary School, from June 1, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, assistant, Grammar School, from June 8, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Longfellow District. — Elizabeth M. Mann, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897. Election of teachers on probation.

Lyman District. — Mary E. Williams, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Mather District. — Frances Forsaith, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Prince District. — Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year; Lillian F. Sheldon, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Eliot District. — Sylvia A. Richards, assistant, Primary School. Confirmation of teachers.

Emerson District. — Bremen E. Sinclair, first assistant, Grammar School.

Phillips District. — Leila L. Rand, assistant, Primary School.

Tileston District. — Katharine C. Merrick, assistant, Primary School.

Cushman Kindergarten. — Annie R. Howard, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Frederic H. Ripley, master, to the same position in the Longfellow District, from Sept. 1, 1897; Emma Burrows, Rachel U. Cornwell, M. Alice Jackson, assistants, Grammar School, to the same position in the Longfellow District, from Sept. 1, 1897; Rose E. Keenan, Mary M. A. Twombly, assistants, Grammar School, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Longfellow District, from Sept. 1, 1897; Elizabeth A. Breivogel, assistant, Primary School, to the same position in the Longfellow District, from Sept. 1, 1897.

Sherwin District. — E. Emmons Grover, sub-master, to the same position in the Charles Sumner District, from Sept. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitute named was approved by the Board.

Roxbury High School. — Ervinia Thompson, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 1, 1897.

Lincoln District. — Mary A. Crosby, assistant, Primary School, from June 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897.

Warren District. — Fannie L. Osgood, assistant, Primary School, from April 20, 1897, until July 1, 1897; Josephine E. Clark, substitute.

Report of Committee on Nominations reëlection of James Burrier.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, reported the following nomination for reëlection, for the term ending Aug. 31, 1898:

Eliot District. — James Burrier, sub-master, on probation.

Accepted, and the teacher reëlected for the term specified.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of Ervinia Thompson.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, reported the following nomination for reëlection, for the term ending Aug. 31, 1898:

Roxbury High School. — Ervinia Thompson, assistant, on probation.

Accepted, and the teacher reëlected for the term specified.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of principals of Evening Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of Evening Schools, for the term 1897–98; the term of service of the principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 27, 1897:

Evening High School. — Benjamin Tenney, head-master.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick.

Comins School. — John E. Butler.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers.

Franklin School. — Augustine L. Rafter.

Lincoln School. — Gustavus F. Guild.

Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage.

Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers.

Warren School. — James H. Leary.

Washington Allston School. — John A. Brett.

Wells School. — Charles E. Harris.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. McDonald, Courtney, and Eaton a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

Evening High School. — Benjamin Tenney, headmaster, had 22 votes.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick had 22 votes.

Comins School. — John E. Butler had 22 votes.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson had 22 votes.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers had 22 votes.

Franklin School. — Augustine L. Rafter had 22 votes.

Lincoln School. — Gustavus F. Guild had 22 votes.

Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom had 22 votes.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage had 22 votes.

Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers had 22 votes.

Warren School. — James H. Leary had 22 votes.

Washington Allston School. — John A. Brett had 22 votes.

Wells School. — Charles E. Harris had 22 votes.

Principals of Evening Schools elected.

The several principals of Evening Schools, nominated by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes, were accordingly declared elected principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division, reported the following nomi-

nation of a candidate for principal of the Charles Sumner School:

and Eighth Division; nomination of principal of Charles Sumner School.

Loea P. Howard, master, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Coolidge, Anderson, and Davison a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice under the rules, 13. Loea P. Howard had 22 votes and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Charles Sumner School with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 7, 1897.

Loea P. Howard elected principal of Charles Sumner District.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that janitors be required to do certain additional work pertaining to the disinfection of school-house floors, furniture, wood-work, etc., reported that they have given the subject careful consideration at several meetings, and have invited experts in the matter to present their opinions. The committee would recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Accounts; disinfection of school-houses. [See p. 41.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts require the janitors of school buildings, every two weeks during school sessions, to cover all floors with sawdust wet with a suitable solution, and sweep the sawdust up before it becomes dry. Also to properly disinfect the chairs and desks of all pupils who may have contracted a contagious disease, or who are obliged to be away from school on account of contagious disease, by thoroughly wiping such chairs and desks with a cloth wet with a suitable solution.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; appropriation for visiting Girls' Manual Training Schools. [See p. 191.]

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order requesting an appropriation of two hundred dollars ($200) to pay expenses of one or more persons to visit Girls' Manual Training Schools in other cities, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be appropriated for visiting Girls' Manual Training Schools, and that this sum be expended under the direction of the Committee on Manual Training.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Establishment of branch of Evening High School in South Boston.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools consider and report upon the advisability of establishing a branch of the Evening High School in the South Boston district.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Accommodations for zoölogical laboratory in Charlestown High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide accommodations for a zoölogical laboratory in the Charlestown High School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on High Schools; granting of certificates of proficiency to pupils in High Schools. [See p. 188.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that the power relative to the granting of diplomas which is vested by the regulations (section 173) in the Board of Supervisors, be extended this year so as to include the granting of certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the High Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study, reported that they are in favor of the plan suggested in the order referred, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to grant certificates of proficiency this year to such pupils

in the High Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Sarah F. Paget, widow of Joseph T. Paget, the sum of six hundred eleven and $\frac{12}{100}$ dollars ($611.12), being the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived, and continued to hold his position until Sept. 1, 1897, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 514 of the Acts of 1897.

Payment to Sarah F. Paget.

Passed unanimously, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training be authorized to employ, as an experiment, for the school year 1897–98 not more than three graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School, the salary of each graduate employed not to exceed $2 per day of actual service, as special assistants in the mechanical department of that school; these special assistants to be in place of one additional regular instructor to which said school is entitled under the rules.

Employment of graduates in Mechanic Arts High School.

The rules were suspended, twenty-one members voting in the affirmative, and the order passed.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the use of the wood-working room in the Pierpont School-house, Hudson street, be granted to the Denison House Association, for a vacation school, during the coming summer, such use to be without expense to the city.

Use of wood-working room in Pierpont School-house for vacation school.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Committee on Manual Training to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training be allowed to report in print in September next, such report to contain the courses of study in manual training properly illustrated.

Rules suspended.

The rules were unanimously suspended, and the order passed.

Mr. Liebmann, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Employment of special teacher of French in Grammar Schools of Fifth Division.

Ordered, That a special teacher of French be employed in the Grammar Schools of the Fifth Division during the school year 1897–98, and that the Committee on Salaries be requested to fix the salary of such teacher.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, for the same committee, it was

Teachers' room in Franklin School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish a teachers' room in the Franklin building.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Prosecution of E. Capadanno.

Ordered, That John H. Westfall, truant officer, be directed, in the name of the city of Boston, to prosecute E. Capadanno, living at 5 Lincoln street, Brighton, for neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Grading and fencing of Cudworth School-lot.

Ordered, That the rear of the Cudworth School lot be graded and fenced.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Wiring of Lyman School-house.

Ordered, That the Lyman School-house be wired for electric lights, to be used in connection with a stereopticon for said school.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to at once take steps to remedy the existing defects in the sanitary arrangements in the Mt. Vernon and Robert G. Shaw School-houses.

Improvements in sanitary arrangements of Mt. Vernon and Robert G. Shaw School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Ordered, That Martha C. Kincaide be paid the sum of seventy-seven dollars ($77) for extra services as teacher of type-setting and printing in the Horace Mann School, during the months of May and June.

Payment to Martha C. Kincaide.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair presented a report of the Board of Supervisors on proposed Girls' High School of Practical Arts.

Communication from Board of Supervisors relative to establishment of course of manual training for girls in High School grades. [See p. 151.]

Accepted, and ordered to be printed as a school document.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that S. Maria Elliott be paid the sum of eighteen dollars ($18) for services performed in connection with the schools of cookery, reported that the claim is a just one, and the committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to S. Maria Elliott. [See pp. 191, 192.]

Ordered, That S. Maria Elliott be paid the sum of eighteen dollars ($18) for services performed in connection with the schools of cookery.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the report of the Committee on Kindergartens relative to the abolition of the office of Director of Kindergartens, was taken from the table. (See pages 139, 140.)

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; abolition of position of Director of Kindergartens. [See pp. 105, 139, 140.]

The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on High Schools; distribution of Franklin medals. [See pp. 85, 86.]

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the report of the Committee on High Schools, relative to the distribution of Franklin medals, was taken from the table. (See pages 85, 86.)

On motion of Mr. Allen, the report was recommitted to the Committee on High Schools.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Granting of four Franklin medals to graduates of Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That four Franklin medals be granted to the graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School of 1896 and 1897.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order was referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Improvement in sanitary arrangements of Bunker Hill School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to at once take steps to remedy the existing defects in the sanitary arrangements in the Bunker Hill School-house.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the following order, appended to the Report of the Committee on Text-Books, was taken from the table:

Orders appended to report of Committee on Text-Books.

8. *Ordered*, That Merrill's "Vertical Penmanship," published by Maynard, Merrill & Co., the "Natural System of Vertical Writing," published by D. C. Heath & Co., and "Spencerian Penmanship, Vertical Edition," published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books on penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

Mr. Bassett, by unanimous consent of the Board, withdrew his motion presented at the last meeting of the Board to divide the order and to adopt the second item in said order, viz., "The Natural System of Vertical Writing," published by D. C. Heath & Co.

The order passed, 21 members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Order 52, appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books, was amended by adding the following words to the order: "to be furnished by the Committee on Supplies only as new text-books and charts are needed, and when so directed by the Committee on Music."

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the order as amended.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Music.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to refer. Yeas and nays.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Calderwood, Dunn, and Gallivan — 5.

Nays: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 16.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Fleischer, and Paul.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of Order 52. Yeas and nays.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 16.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Calderwood, and Dunn — 4.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Fleischer, and Paul.

Subsequently, Mr. Strange moved that the vote whereby the order was declared passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Annual report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 8, 1897.)

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be continued at the present rate until Jan. 1, 1898, and thereafter as contained in the following schedule:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Master, first year, $2,340; annual increase, $144; maximum	3,060
Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase (for seven years), $84; increase for eighth year, $72; maximum for ninth and subsequent years	1,800

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Assistant Principal, Girls' High School	2,040
Assistant Principals in mixed schools wherein the number of girls is not less than 350 or more than 600, first year, $1,620; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,836
Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase (for eight years), $96; increase for ninth year, $60; maximum for tenth and subsequent years	1,800

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $120; maximum	$3,180
Sub-Masters, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
First Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $48; maximum	1,212
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, $984; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,080
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $48; maximum . .	$792
Assistants, first year, $432; annual increase, $48; maximum . .	624

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum .	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620
Instructor of Metal-Working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum	2,580

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	3,000
Master of Evening Drawing Schools	1,200
Assistant to Director of Drawing	800
[1]Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,692
Laboratory Assistant, " " "	888
" " Roxbury " "	804
Teacher of Physical Culture and Elocution, Girls' High School .	1,200
" " " " Girls' Latin School	600
" " " " East Boston High School . . .	300
" " " " Roxbury High School	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistants	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf:	
Principal	2,880
Assistant Principal, first year, $1,152; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,440
Assistants, first year, $780; annual increase, $72; maximum .	1,284
Principal of Manual Training Schools	2,508
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,620

[1] To give instruction in drawing in the Normal School and to assist the Director of Drawing.

Instructors in Manual Training Schools	$1,200
Instructor in Manual Training (Horace Mann School)	600
Assistant Instructors in Manual Training Schools, first year, $804; annual increase, $48; maximum	996
Principal of Schools of Cookery	1,500
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936
Instructor in School on Spectacle Island (including all expenses connected with the school, except for books)	400
Instructor of Military Drill	2,000
Armorer	1,050

Teachers of sewing:

One division	$120	Seven divisions	$600
Two divisions	216	Eight divisions	660
Three divisions	312	Nine divisions	708
Four divisions	396	Ten divisions	756
Five divisions	468	Eleven divisions	792
Six divisions	540	All over eleven divisions	840

Principal, Evening High School (per week), first year, $40; second year, $45; third year and subsequently	$50 00
Assistants, Evening High School (per evening)	4 00
Principals, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 100 pupils or more (per evening), $5; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening)	4 00
First Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening), $2.50; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening)	2 00
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening)	2 00
[1] Masters, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening)	10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $7; second year and subsequently	8 00
Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $4; second year, $5; third year and subsequently	6 00
Special Assistant Teachers, lowest classes, Primary Schools (per day)	1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per week)	5 00

2. *Ordered*, That the salary of the Superintendent be fixed at the rate of $4,500 per annum, dating from Jan. 1, 1898.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of each of the Supervisors be fixed at the rate of $4,200 per annum, dating from Jan. 1, 1898.

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[1] The rank of Master in Evening Drawing Schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

4. *Ordered*, That John Tetlow, Moses Merrill, and Robert M. Babson each receive four hundred and twenty dollars ($420) per annum, dating from Jan. 1, 1898, in addition to the regular salary of their rank.

5. *Ordered*, That Larkin Dunton receive four hundred and twenty dollars ($420) per annum, dating from Jan. 1, 1898, in addition to the regular salary of his rank.

6. *Ordered*, That the rank of Sub-Master in the Normal School be made that of Master, dating from June 22. 1897.

7. *Ordered*, That the Master in the Normal School shall remain on the present schedule for Sub-Master in said school until Jan. 1, 1898, when he shall be placed upon the fourth year of the new schedule for Master in said school, $2,772 per annum.

8. *Ordered*, That all Assistants in the Normal School shall remain on the present schedule of salaries until Jan. 1, 1898, and that, at that date, L. Theresa Moses and Katharine H. Shute, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,620 per annum, be placed on the eighth year of the new or proposed schedule, viz., $1,728 per annum; that Dora Williams, who is now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,440 per annum, be placed on the seventh year of the new schedule, viz., $1,644 per annum; that Laura S. Plummer and Alice M. Dickey, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,380 and $1,440 respectively, be placed on the sixth year of the new schedule, viz., $1,560 per annum; that Fanny E. Coe and Lillian M. Towne, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,320 and $1,260 respectively, be placed on the fourth year of the new schedule, viz., $1,392 per annum; that Gertrude E. Bigelow and Mary C. Mellyn, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,140 per annum, be placed on the second year of the new schedule, viz., $1,224 per annum.

9. *Ordered*, That the salary of the Assistant Principal in the Roxbury High School be continued at the present rate until Jan. 1, 1898, when she shall be placed upon the next higher salary in the new schedule of salaries for Assistant Principals in mixed High Schools, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

10. *Ordered*, That Assistants in High Schools shall remain on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898; at that date all those who, during the school year 1895–96, were receiving the first or second or third year's salary ($756, $804, $852 per annum, respectively) shall be placed on the second year of the new schedule, $1,068 per annum; all those who were receiving the fourth or fifth or sixth year's salary ($900, $948, $996 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the third year of the new schedule, $1,164 per annum; all those who were receiving the seventh or eighth year's salary ($1,044, $1,092 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the fourth year of the new schedule, $1,260 per annum; all those who were receiving the ninth or tenth year's salary ($1,140, $1,188 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the fifth year of the new schedule, $1,356 per annum; all those who were receiving the eleventh or twelfth year's salary ($1,236, $1,284 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be

placed on the sixth year of the new schedule, $1,452 per annum; all those who were receiving the thirteenth or fourteenth year's salary ($1,332, $1,380 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the seventh year of the new schedule, $1,548 per annum, with the exception of those who in 1895–96 were receiving the fourteenth year's salary ($1,380 per annum), and who, on Jan. 1, 1898, shall have been teaching in the Boston High Schools twenty continuous years or more. These latter shall be placed, on Jan. 1, 1898, on the eighth year of the new schedule ($1,644 per annum).

11. *Ordered*, That assistants in High Schools appointed during the school year 1896–97 shall remain on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898. At that date they shall be placed on the second year of the new schedule ($1,068 per annum).

12. *Ordered*, That the salary of the assistant principal in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be continued on the schedule for 1896–7 until Jan. 1, 1898, and thereafter until the anniversary of her appointment, when she shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

13. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the assistants in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be continued on the schedule for 1896–7 until Jan. 1, 1898, and thereafter until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

14. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the teachers of sewing be continued on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898, when they shall be paid in accordance with the new schedule.

15. *Ordered*, That Darius Hadley, Henry F. Sears, Charles F. Kimball, and T. Henry Wason, each receive one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1897, in addition to the maximum salary of their rank, on account of their long service in the public schools.

16. *Ordered*, That all instructors in the service of the city, who, during the year preceding their anniversary on or after Sept. 1, 1897, received under the new schedule of salaries an amount less than they would have received under the old schedule, be paid for the month in which their anniversary occurs, in addition to their salary for said month, a sum that will make good the loss incurred for one year from the anniversary of their appointment on or after Sept. 1, 1896.

17. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-masters, in Grammar Schools, elected as Principals, $216, — each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

18. *Ordered*, That the salaries of temporary teachers of the following-named ranks be fixed at the following rates, for each day of actual service: Temporary Junior-Master, $5; Assistant, High Schools, $2.50; Sub-Master, Grammar Schools, $4; Instructor, Mechanic Arts High School, $4; Assistant, Grammar or Primary Schools, $2; Assistant Instructor in Schools of Cookery, $2.

Mr. Lowell moved that the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries be laid on the table.

Mr. Lowell's motion passed by a vote of 14 to 6.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Voted, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Saturday, June 26, 1897, at half-past seven o'clock P.M. Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the Tyler-street School-house be granted to the Denison House Association for a vacation school from July 1, 1897, until Aug. 18, 1897, the same to be without expense to the city. Use of Tyler-street School-house for vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO.

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 26, 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, on Saturday, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Anderson, Bowdlear, Davison, Fleischer, McDonald, Paul, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 24, 1897.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from the Common Council relative to the use of school-yards in Ward 2 as playgrounds.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow children to play in the different school-yards during vacation season between the hours of nine o'clock, A.M., and four o'clock, P.M., in Ward 2.

In Common Council, June 24, 1897, referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 25, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 24, 1897.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from the Common Coun-

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to open the school-yards in Ward 7 from nine,

cil relative to the use of school-yards in Ward 7 as playgrounds.

A.M., to four, P.M., daily during the summer season, for the benefit of the school children of the district.

In Common Council, June 24, 1897, referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 25, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from the Common Council relative to use of yards of Cyrus Alger and Bigelow Schools as playgrounds.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 24, 1897.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to ask the School Committee to allow the yards of the Cyrus Alger and Bigelow Schools to be used as playgrounds by the children of these localities during the summer vacation.

In Common Council, June 24, 1897, referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 25, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of school-yards as playgrounds.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred — June 26 — communications from His Honor the Mayor referring to the School Committee for such action as is considered proper three communications from the Common Council relative to the use of school-yards as playgrounds for children during the summer vacation, in Wards 7 and 2, and relative to the use of the yards of the Cyrus Alger and Bigelow School-

houses for the same purpose, reported that this matter has been presented to the Board many times, and the advantages and disadvantages of opening the yards to the children have been earnestly and carefully considered and discussed. Your committee are in hearty sympathy with the wish of the members of the Common Council to provide a safe place in which the children may be allowed to play, but they are of the opinion that the action taken by the School Boards of former years is judicious and for the best interests of the public schools. They therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that in the opinion of the School Committee it is inexpedient to open the yards of school-houses for the use of the children as playgrounds during the summer vacation.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; improvements in sanitary arrangements of Mt. Vernon and Robert G. Shaw School-houses. [See p. 225.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 22 — an order requesting this committee to at once take steps to remedy the existing defects in the sanitary arrangements in the Mt. Vernon and Robert G. Shaw School-houses, reported that as soon as the necessary appropriation is made by the City Council it is the intention of your committee that these school-houses shall receive immediate attention. They recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; teachers' room in Franklin School-house. [See p. 224.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, who were requested — June 22 — to furnish a teachers' room in the Franklin School-house, reported that your committee have given instructions to the Superintendent of Public Buildings to provide a teachers' room as suggested in the order referred, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; desks in Primary School-houses in Agassiz and Bowditch Districts fitted with ink-wells. [See p. 193.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that the desks in the Primary School-houses in the Agassiz and Bowditch Districts be fitted with ink-wells in order to try the experiment of using ink in the Primary Schools instead of pencils, reported that your committee have given instructions to have the ink-wells provided in accordance with the order referred, and they recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; selection of architect for Girls' Latin School-house. [See p. 193.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order requesting this committee to consider and report as early as possible the name of an architect for a new Girls' Latin School-house, reported that there are no funds at present available for the erection of this school-house, and they therefore recommend that no action be taken on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition of Richard E. Cochran *et als.*; new school-house accommodations at Forest Hills. [See p. 204.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — a petition signed by Richard E. Cochran and one hundred and ninety-nine others relative to the erection of a new school-house at Forest Hills, reported that your committee recognize the importance of providing additional accommodations as requested by the petitioners, and it is their intention to give the matter immediate attention as soon as sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that the rooms for the

accommodation of wood-working classes in the E-street Church be equipped to accommodate ninety pupils, and the necessary partitions erected therein, reported that your committee have given instructions for the erection of the partitions and for the equipment of the rooms as suggested in the order referred, and they recommend that no further action in the matter is necessary by the Board.

rooms for accommodation of wood-working classes in E-street Church equipped to accommodate ninety pupils. [See p. 191.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that this committee be requested to consider the extension of the West Roxbury High School-building, and report at the next meeting of this Board the name of an architect for the same, reported that your committee are in favor of the extension of the West Roxbury High School-building, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; extension of West Roxbury High School-house. [See p. 190.]

Ordered, That Andrews, Jacques & Rantoul, architects, be selected to prepare plans for the extension of the West Roxbury High School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that this committee be requested to consider the selection of an architect for a new High School building in Dorchester as early as possible, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Report of Committee on School Houses; selection of architect for new High School building in Dorchester. [See p. 192.]

Ordered, That Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, architects, be selected to prepare plans for a new building for the Dorchester High School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for grading yard of Longfellow School-house.

Ordered, That the plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the grading of the yard of the Longfellow School-house, South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School-Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade said yard, in accordance with said plans, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contract for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, BOSTON, June 26, 1897.

To the Committee on School Houses:

I have examined with care the plan for the playgrounds about the Longfellow Grammar School, on South and Hewlett streets, in the West Roxbury District, prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings. I hereby give it my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for grading yard of Gilbert Stuart School-house.

Ordered, That the plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the grading of the yard of the Gilbert Stuart School-house, Richmond street, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade said yard, in accordance with said plans, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contract for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, BOSTON, June 26, 1897.

To the Committee on School Houses:

I have examined with care the plan for grading and completing the yard of the Gilbert Stuart School-house, on Richmond street, in the Dorchester District, prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings. I hereby give it my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the following order was taken from the table:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to required reports from Board of Supervisors. [See pp. 185, 186, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 81. Insert after the word "nominations," in the seventh line, the following: "Before the appointment or election of any director, principal, or instructor, the Board of Supervisors shall recommend, in writing, a candidate to the committee in charge, and such recommendation shall in all cases, whether adopted by the committee or not, be submitted to the Board together with the nomination. In the case of an instructor not a principal, the Board of Supervisors shall, before making such recommendation, confer with the principal of the school.

"All propositions for the transfer of instructors from one district to another, or from one rank to another, shall, when submitted to the Board, be accompanied by a report thereon of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 84. Strike out the words "conferring with the principals," in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 90. Strike out the words "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors." Add to the second paragraph of the same section, after the word "election," in the sixth line, the words "with the recommendation in writing of the Board of Supervisors."

SECTION 91. Strike out the words "in consultation with the principal," in the second and third lines, and insert in place thereof the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors."

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the order.

The order passed.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following:

Additional assistant, Grammar School, in Prince District.

Ordered, That an additional assistant, Grammar School, be allowed in the Prince District, dating from Sept. 7, 1897.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Additional text-books in penmanship.

Ordered, That the "Duntonian Vertical Writing Books," published by Thompson, Brown & Co., be authorized for use as additional text-books in penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Washington Allston School piped for gas.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to have the Washington Allston School-house piped for gas.

Orders appended to annual report of Committee on

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries were taken from the table. (See pages 228–232.)

Salaries. [See pp. 228, 229, 230, 231, 232.]

On motion of Mr. Bassett, Order 1 was amended by striking out the salary fixed for the assistant principal, Girls' High School, and substituting $2,208 therefor; by striking out the salary fixed for the assistant principals in mixed schools wherein the number of girls is not less than 350 or more than 600, and substituting the following therefor: "first year, $1,620; annual increase, $96; maximum, $2,004;" by striking out the salary fixed for the teacher of chemistry, Girls' High School, and substituting $1,644 therefor.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, Order 12 was amended so as to read as follows: "12. *Ordered*, That the salary of the assistant principal in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be continued on the schedule for 1896–7 until Jan. 1, 1898, when she shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached."

On motion of Mr. Bassett, Order 13 was amended so as to read as follows: "13. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the assistants in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be continued on the schedule for 1896–7 until Jan. 1, 1898, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached."

On motion of Mr. Bassett, Order 16 was amended so as to read as follows: "16. *Ordered*, That all instructors in the service of the city, except assistants in the High and Latin Schools and assistants in the Normal School, who, during the year preceding their anniversary on or after Sept. 1, 1897, received under the new schedule of salaries an amount less than they would have received under the old schedule be paid for the month in which their anniversary occurs, in addi-

tion to their salaries for said month, a sum that will make good the loss incurred for one year from the anniversary of their appointment on or after Sept. 1, 1896."

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the following order was added to the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries:

19. *Ordered*, That the rank of teacher of chemistry in the Girls' High School be made that of assistant, dating from Jan. 1, 1898.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the orders as amended.

Pending action thereon, Mr. Lowell moved that the orders, with the exception of that portion of Order 4 relating to the salary of John Tetlow, be recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Liebmann asked the ruling of the Chair as to whether it would be competent, under the rules, for this Board to fix the salaries of instructors in September.

The Chair ruled that according to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel it would be perfectly competent for the Committee on Salaries to report a schedule of salaries to the Board in September.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Lowell's motion to recommit.

Mr. Lowell's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Huggan and Lowell — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Bassett, Bateman, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Mr. Liebmann — 7.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Anderson, Bowdlear, Davison, Dunn, Fleischer, McDonald, Paul, and Strange.

Mr. Lowell moved the passage of that part of Order 4 providing that John Tetlow receive four hundred and twenty dollars ($420) per annum, dating from Jan. 1, 1898, in addition to the regular salary of his rank.

Mr. Bateman moved that that part of Order 4 relating to the salary of John Tetlow be recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Lost by a vote of 4 to 11.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of that part of Order 4 relating to the salary of John Tetlow.

The portion of the order referred to passed by a vote of 11 to 4.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That measures be at once taken to separate the positions of head-master of the Girls' High and head-master of the Girls' Latin Schools.

Separation of positions of head-master of Girls' High and head-master of Girls' Latin Schools.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Allen presented a petition from the Prudential Committee of the Primary Teachers' Association asking that the lowest paid teachers receive equal consideration with the higher paid teachers.

Petition from Prudential Committee of the Primary Teachers' Association; salary of teachers.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one dollar a day for actual service be paid to those assistants in the Grammar and Primary Schools acting as training teachers for the pupils in the Normal School.

Salary of training teachers.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Coolidge presented a petition from the training teachers of the city of Boston asking that they be paid for their work as training teachers to the Boston Normal School, and stating their reasons for asking for the same.

Petition from training teachers; salary of.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Petition of training teachers relative to salary.

Mrs. Ames presented a similar petition from the training teachers of the city of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Petition from teachers in Grammar and Primary Schools relative to salary.

Mr. Calderwood presented a petition from teachers in the Grammar Schools endorsing the sentiments expressed in the petition from the Prudential Committee of the Primary Teachers' Association.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Payment to Moses Merrill and Robert E. Babson.

Ordered, That Moses Merrill and Robert E. Babson each receive $400 per annum, dating from Jan. 1, 1898, in addition to the regular salary of their ranks.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the order was amended by substituting $420 for the amount stated in the order, viz., $400.

Mr. Bassett raised the point of order that the order as amended is identical with an order which has already been recommitted to the Committee on Salaries, and therefore cannot be entertained by the Board.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

The Chair stated that the question was on the reference of the order as amended to the Committee on Salaries.

The order as amended was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Use of Paris-street Gymnasium, East Boston, by pupils of public schools.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be asked to allow the Paris-street Gymnasium, East Boston, to be used by the pupils of the Public Schools in the evening for certain hours each week.

Report of Committee on High Schools; granting of Franklin

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 22 — an order that four Franklin medals be granted to the graduates of the Mechanic

Arts High School of 1896 and 1897, reported that in their opinion the graduates of this school should receive medals as suggested in the order referred.

medals to graduates of Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 226.]

They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Franklin medals be awarded to four graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School of last year, and to two graduates of said school this year.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: Section 114. Add the word "assistants" after the word "junior-masters," in the second line. (Page 28 of the rules.)

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to rank of instructors in Mechanic Arts High School.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bateman moved that the order that the stenographic reports of the School Committee meetings be henceforth dispensed with be taken from the table.

Stenographic reports of School Committee meetings. [See p. 37.]

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 7, 1897.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear and Dunn.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from City Council; use of land adjoining Plummer School-house as playground.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 8, 1897.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is requested to ask the School Committee to allow the land adjoining the Plummer School to be used by the children of the First Section, East Boston, as a playground.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 24, came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 28, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for report.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to improve-

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 24, 1897.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be "*earnestly*" requested to instruct the Superintendent of Public Buildings to take immediate steps to place the Chapman School-house, East Boston, in complete

ments in condition of Chapman School.

repair and in proper sanitary condition, and to cause the work to be completed during the summer vacation. The danger to which the health of the pupils of this school has been exposed during the past year calls for a prompt and efficient remedy.

C. C. MILLAR,
Ward 1.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 24, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 28, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for report.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of wood-working school in Longfellow School-house. [See p. 151.]

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 11 — an order that before Sept. 1, 1897, a wood-working school be fitted up in the Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, reported that the wood-working school has been equipped as requested in the order, and your committee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations for school purposes.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional . . .	$6,000 00
Longfellow School-house, furnishing . .	10,000 00
Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading .	8,000 00

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Longfellow School-house, on the corner of South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, be accepted by this Board subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Acceptance of Longfellow School-house.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the city of Boston, and bounded and described as follows: Northeastwardly and southeastwardly by Thomas park and eastwardly by G street, about five hundred eighty-four and $\frac{21}{100}$ feet; and westwardly by other land of said city, about four hundred twenty-three and $\frac{14}{100}$ feet; containing about fifty-two thousand nine hundred twenty-six and $\frac{2}{10}$ square feet. Plan dated July 20, 1897, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office.

Taking of portion of reservoir lot, South Boston, for school purposes.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from trustees for children relative to admission of inmates of Marcella-street Home to public schools.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN,
32 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, Sept. 7, 1897.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

In furtherance of the desire of the Trustees for Children to secure for the inmates at Marcella-street Home the same school advantages enjoyed by other children, the principal of the Lowell School was requested this morning by Mr. M. J. Dwyer, Superintendent of the Home, to furnish school accommodations to the children of school age that are at present under our charge. This was refused on the ground of insufficient accommodation.

As per letter previously sent to Superintendent Seaver, we claim that our duty to these children is similar to that of the parents in a family, being in law the guardians and parents of the children placed in our care. We are therefore obliged to see that they are not deprived of any rights or privileges, and especially that they shall not be denied, by reason of their poverty or distress, the fullest edu-

cation furnished by the city of Boston at the public schools as enjoyed now by the children of more fortunate parents.

The poverty of a family has never been a bar to the admittance of the children to the public schools in a State like Massachusetts, which makes compulsory education of the young a law of the Commonwealth.

We believe you will recognize the justness of our position, and our duty therein, and in this belief we make request that your Honorable Board will at once accord to our children the proper accommodation necessary for their education, the *right* to which they possess and can never lose by reason of the poverty of their parents.

Respectfully yours,

CHAS. V. DASEY,

Chairman pro tem. for Trustees for Children.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, referred to the Committee on School Houses with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Death of E. Augusta Randall.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the death of E. Augusta Randall, late assistant, Primary School, in the Bowditch District.

Accepted.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Furnishing of teachers' room in Bunker Hill School-house.

Ordered, That a teachers' room be furnished in the Bunker Hill School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Edition of outlines in drawing.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to issue as an experiment for the school year 1897–98, the Outlines in Drawing in five parts as Superintendent's circulars; that the edition for each part be limited to fifteen hundred copies.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 13, 1897.)

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be continued at the present rate until Jan. 1, 1898, and thereafter as contained in the following schedule:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Master, first year, $2,340; annual increase, $144; maximum,	3,060
Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase (for seven years), $84; increase for eighth year, $72; maximum for ninth and subsequent years	1,800

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Assistant Principal, Girls' High School	2,208
Assistant Principals in mixed schools wherein the number of girls is not less than 350 or more than 600, first year, $1,620; annual increase, $72; maximum . . .	1,908
Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase (for eight years), $96; increase for ninth year, $60; maximum for tenth and subsequent years	1,800

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620
Instructor of Metal-Working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum	2,580

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $120; maximum	$3,180

Sub-Masters, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	$2,340
First Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $48; maximum	1,212
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, $984; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,080
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum,	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $48; maximum,	$792
Assistants, first year, $432; annual increase, $48; maximum,	624

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	3,000
Master of Evening Drawing Schools	1,200
Assistant to Director of Drawing	800
[1] Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,644
Laboratory Assistant, " " "	888
" " Roxbury " "	804
Teacher of Physical Culture and Elocution, Girls' High School	1,200
Teacher of Physical Culture, Girls' Latin School	600
" " " " East Boston High School	300
" " " " Roxbury High School	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistants	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf:	
Principal	2,880

[1] To give instruction in drawing in the Normal School and to assist the Director of Drawing.

Assistant Principal, first year, $1,152; annual increase, $72; maximum	$1,440
Assistants, first year, $780; annual increase, $72; maximum,	1,284
Principal of Manual Training Schools	2,508
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,620
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,200
Instructor in Manual Training (Horace Mann School)	600
Assistant Instructors in Manual Training Schools, first year, $804; annual increase, $48; maximum	996
Principal of Schools of Cookery	1,500
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936
Instructor in School on Spectacle Island (including all expenses connected with the school, except for books)	400
Instructor of Military Drill	2,000
Armorer	1,050

Teachers of sewing:

One division	$120	Seven divisions	$600
Two divisions	216	Eight divisions	660
Three divisions	312	Nine divisions	708
Four divisions	396	Ten divisions	756
Five divisions	468	Eleven divisions	792
Six divisions	540	All over eleven divisions,	840

Principal, Evening High School (per week), first year, $40; second year, $45; third year and subsequently	$50 00
Assistants, Evening High School (per evening)	4 00
Principals, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 100 pupils or more (per evening), $5; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening)	4 00
First Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening), $2.50; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening)	2 00
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening)	2 00
[1] Masters, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening)	10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $7; second year and subsequently	8 00
Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $4; second year, $5; third year and subsequently	6 00

[1] The rank of Master in Evening Drawing Schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

Special Assistant Teachers, lowest grades, Primary Schools (per day) $1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per week) . 5 00

2. *Ordered*, That the rank of Sub-Master in the Normal School be made that of Master, dating from June 22, 1897.

3. *Ordered*, That the Master in the Normal School shall remain on the present schedule for Sub-Master in said school until Jan. 1, 1898, when he shall be placed upon the fourth year of the new schedule for Master in said school, $2,772 per annum.

4. *Ordered*, That all Assistants in the Normal School shall remain on the present schedule of salaries until Jan. 1, 1898, and that, at that date, L. Theresa Moses and Katharine H. Shute, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,620 per annum, be placed on the eighth year of the new or proposed schedule, viz., $1,728 per annum; that Dora Williams, who is now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,440 per annum, be placed on the seventh year of the new schedule, viz., $1,644 per annum; that Laura S. Plummer and Alice M. Dickey, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,380 and $1,440 respectively, be placed on the sixth year of the new schedule, viz., $1,560 per annum; that Fanny E. Coe and Lillian M. Towne, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,320 and $1,260 respectively, be placed on the fourth year of the new schedule, viz., $1,392 per annum; that Gertrude E. Bigelow and Mary C. Mellyn, who are now receiving a salary at the rate of $1,140 per annum, be placed on the second year of the new schedule, viz., $1,224 per annum.

5. *Ordered*, That training teachers be paid at the rate of $0.50 per day of actual service, in addition to the regular salary of their rank, dating from Jan. 1, 1898.

6. *Ordered*, That the salary of the Assistant Principal in the Roxbury High School be continued at the present rate until Jan. 1, 1898, when she shall be placed upon the next higher salary in the new schedule of salaries for Assistant Principals in mixed High Schools, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

7. *Ordered*, That Assistants in High Schools shall remain on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898; at that date all those who, during the school year 1895–96, were receiving the first or second or third year's salary ($756, $804, $852 per annum, respectively) shall be placed on the second year of the new schedule, $1,068 per annum; all those who were receiving the fourth or fifth or sixth year's salary ($900, $948, $996 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the third year of the new schedule, $1,164 per annum; all those who were receiving the seventh or eighth year's salary ($1,044,

$1,092 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the fourth year of the new schedule, $1,260 per annum; all those who were receiving the ninth or tenth year's salary ($1,140, $1,188 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the fifth year of the new schedule, $1,356 per annum; all those who were receiving the eleventh or twelfth year's salary ($1,236, $1,284 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the sixth year of the new schedule, $1,452 per annum; all those who were receiving the thirteenth or fourteenth year's salary ($1,332, $1,380 per annum, respectively) shall at that date be placed on the seventh year of the new schedule, $1,548 per annum, with the exception of those who in 1895–96 were receiving the fourteenth year's salary ($1,380 per annum), and who, on Jan. 1, 1898, shall have been teaching in the Boston High Schools twenty continuous years or more. These latter shall be placed, on Jan. 1, 1898, on the eighth year of the new schedule ($1,644 per annum).

8. *Ordered*, That Assistants in High Schools appointed during the school year 1896–97 shall remain on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898. At that date they shall be placed on the second year of the new schedule ($1,068) per annum.

9. *Ordered*, That the rank of teacher of chemistry in the Girls' High School be made that of Assistant, dating from Jan. 1, 1898.

10. *Ordered*, That the teacher of chemistry in the Girls' High School shall remain on the present salary for that position until Jan. 1, 1898, when she shall be placed on the eighth year of the new schedule for Assistants in High Schools, $1,644 per annum.

11. *Ordered*, That Assistants in the Grammar and Primary Schools, Principals and Assistants of Kindergartens, Assistant Instructors in Manual Training, and Instructors in Schools of Cookery, who, during the year preceding their anniversary on or after Sept. 1, 1897, did not, or will not if they remain in the service one year after said anniversary, receive an amount larger than $12 more than they would have received under the old schedule, shall be continued on the present schedule of salaries, and at the expiration of four months from the anniversary of their last increase, be again advanced to the next higher salary in their schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum of their rank is reached.

12. *Ordered*, That Assistants in the Grammar and Primary Schools who, on Jan. 1, 1888, were receiving a salary at the rate of $744 or more per annum, and have been teaching continuously in the Boston public schools since that date, shall remain on the present schedule of salaries until Jan. 1, 1898, when they shall be placed on the eighth year of said schedule, $888 per annum.

13. *Ordered*, That Assistants in the Grammar and Primary Schools who, on Jan. 1, 1898, shall have been teaching continuously in the Boston public schools for twenty-five years or more, shall on that date be placed on the maximum salary of their rank, $936 per annum.

14. *Ordered*, That the salary of the Assistant Principal in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be continued on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898, when she shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

15. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the Assistants in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be continued on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

16. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the teachers of sewing be continued on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1898, when they shall be paid in accordance with the new schedule.

17. *Ordered*, That Darius Hadley, Henry F. Sears, Charles F. Kimball, and T. Henry Wason, each receive one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1897, in addition to the maximum salary of their rank, on account of their long service in the public schools.

18. *Ordered*, That all instructors in the service of the city who, during the year preceding their anniversary on or after Sept. 17, 1897, received under the new schedule of salaries an amount less than they would have received under the old schedule, be paid for the month in which their anniversary occurs, in addition to their salary for said month, a sum that will make good the loss incurred for one year from the anniversary of their appointment on or after Sept. 1, 1896.

19. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-Masters, in Grammar Schools, elected as Principals, $216, — each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

20. *Ordered*, That the salaries of temporary teachers of the following-named ranks be fixed at the following rates for each day of actual service: Temporary Junior-Master, $5; Assistant, High Schools, $2.50; Sub-Master, Grammar Schools, $4; Instructor, Mechanic Arts High School, $4; Assistant, Grammar or Primary Schools, $2; Assistant Instructor in Schools of Cookery, $2.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Bassett moved the passage of Order 1.

Mr. Paul offered the following as a substitute for Order 1 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries:

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be fixed for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, as contained in the following schedule:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Sub-Masters, first year, $2,160; annual increase, 144; maximum	2,880
Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase, $60; maximum	1,620

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Assistant Principal	2,040
Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum,	1,620

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $120; maximum,	$3,180
Sub-Masters, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
First Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase $48; maximum	1,212
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum,	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, $984; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,080
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $48; maximum	$792
Assistants, first year, $432; annual increase, $48; maximum	624

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620
Instructor of Metal-Working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum	2,580

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	3,000
[1] Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,620
Laboratory Assistant, " " "	804
" " Roxbury " "	804
Teacher of Physical Culture and Elocution, Girls' High School	1,200
Teacher of Physical Culture, Girls' Latin School	600
" " " " East Boston High School	300
" " " " Roxbury High School	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Teacher of Songs and Games, Normal School	240
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistants	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf:	
Principal	2,880
Assistant Principal, first year, $1,068; annual increase, $60; maximum	1,308
Assistants, first year, $588; annual increase, $60; maximum	1,008

[1] To give instruction in drawing in the Normal School and to assist the Director of Drawing.

Principal of Manual Training Schools	$2,508
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,620
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,200
Instructor in Manual Training (Horace Mann School) .	600
Assistant Instructors in Manual Training Schools, first year, $804; annual increase, $48; maximum	996
Principal of Schools of Cookery	1,500
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936
Instructor in School on Spectacle Island (including all expenses connected with the school, except for books) .	400
Instructor of Military Drill	2,000
Armorer	1,050

Teachers of sewing:

One division . . .	$120	Seven divisions . .	$576
Two divisions . .	216	Eight divisions . .	624
Three divisions . .	300	Nine divisions . .	672
Four divisions . .	372	Ten divisions . .	720
Five divisions . .	444	Eleven divisions . .	768
Six divisions . . .	516	All over eleven divisions,	792

Principal, Evening High School (per week), first year, $40; second year, $45; third year and subsequently . .	$50 00
Assistants, Evening High School (per evening) . . .	4 00
Principals, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 100 pupils or more (per evening), $5; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening)	4 00
First Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening), $2.50; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening)	2 00
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening) .	2 00
Masters,[1] Evening Drawing Schools (per evening) . .	10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $7; second year and subsequently	8 00
Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $4; second year $5; third year and subsequently .	6 00
Special Assistant Teachers, lowest classes, Primary Schools (per day)	1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per week) . .	5 00

[1] The rank of master in Evening Drawing Schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that Order 1 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries could not be entertained, inasmuch as it was not in accordance with the statute providing that the salaries established at the commencement of a school year shall not be increased during such year.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the substitute order offered by Mr. Paul was amended as follows:

Substitute for the salaries assigned to the instructors in the Horace Mann School, the following:

Horace Mann School for the Deaf:

Principal	$2,880
Assistant Principal, first year, $1,152; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,440
Assistants, first year, $780; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,284

Mr. Davison moved as an amendment to Mr. Paul's substitute order the following schedule of salaries for teachers of sewing in place of those specified in said order:

Teachers of sewing:

One division . . .	$120	Seven divisions . .	$600
Two divisions . .	216	Eight divisions . .	660
Three divisions . .	312	Nine divisions . .	708
Four divisions . .	396	Ten divisions . .	756
Five divisions . .	468	Eleven divisions . .	792
Six divisions . . .	540	All over eleven divisions,	840

Mr. Davison's motion passed by a vote of 8 to 4.

Mr. Bateman moved that Mr. Paul's substitute order be amended as follows: Substitute the following in place of the salary assigned for sub-master in the Normal School:

Master, first year, $2,340; annual increase, $144; maximum, $3,060.

Lost by a vote of 5 to 7.

Mr. Paul's substitute order as amended passed by a vote of 12 to 5.

Mr. Gallivan doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered. Yeas and nays.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Lowell, McDonald, and Paul — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann and Strange — 7.

Absent or not voting: Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Dunn, and Eaton.

Mr. Lowell moved that Order 3 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries be amended so as to read as follows:

3. *Ordered*, That the master in the Normal School shall remain on the present schedule of the sub-master in said school until Jan. 1, 1898, when he shall be placed upon the fourth year of the schedule on page 8 of this document (School Document No. 13, 1897,) for master in said school, $2,772 per annum.

Mr. Gallivan raised the point of order that Mr. Lowell's motion could not be entertained for the reason that it was substantially the same as the motion previously offered which the Board had refused to pass.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Lowell's motion to amend passed.

On motion of Mr. Paul, Order 18 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries was taken up.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, Order 2 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries was taken up.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, Order 3 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries was taken up.

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, Order 5 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries was taken up.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, Order 6 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, offered the following:

Committee on Truant Officers to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant Officers be authorized to report in print.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 14, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Adams, Bassett, Calderwood, Dunn, Fifield, Fleischer, Huggan, and Strange.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member of the Board.

Election of President *pro tem.*

The Chair stated that the first business of the Board would be to elect a President *pro tem.* by ballot.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the rules were suspended, and the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for Mr. Isaac F. Paul as President, *pro tem.*

Isaac F. Paul elected President *pro tem.*

The Secretary cast one ballot for Mr. Isaac F. Paul, and he was declared elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Orders appended to the report of Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Salaries, Order 4, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, page 256.)

The order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 6, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken from the table. (See Minutes, pages 256, 264.)

The order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 7, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, pages 256, 257.)

The order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Orders 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, were taken up together. (See Minutes, pages 257, 258.)

The orders were indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 14, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, page 258.)

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was amended by substituting for the words "present schedule," in the second and third lines, the words "schedule of 1896–97."

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 15, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, page 258.)

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was amended by substituting for the words "present schedule," in the second line, the words "schedule of 1896–97."

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 16, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, page 258.)

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was amended by substituting for the words "present schedule," in the second line, the words "schedule of 1896–97."

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 17, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, page 258.)

The order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 19, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, page 258.)

The order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, Order 20, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was taken up. (See Minutes, page 258.)

The order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary of Master of Evening Drawing Schools for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be fixed at the rate of $1,200.

Salary of Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant to Director of Drawing, for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be fixed at the rate of $800.

Salary of assistant to Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant principal in the Roxbury High School, for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be fixed at the rate of $1,620.

Salary of assistant principal in Roxbury High School.

Mrs. Keller moved a reconsideration of all orders passed to-night fixing salaries hoping the motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors:

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Boys' Latin School. — Frank W. Freeborn, master, Sept. 1, 1897.

Girls' High School. — Sarah E. Miller, teacher of vocal and physical culture, Sept. 1, 1897.

West Roxbury High School. — Elenora R. Clare, assistant, Sept. 1, 1897.

Bowditch District. — Mary E. Whitney, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 7, 1897.

Emerson District. — Hattie H. Coan, Amy L. Hubbard, assistants, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, assistant, Grammar School, Florence C. Pond, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Lewis District. — Grace L. Sherry, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Lowell District. — Fannie B. Wilson, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 13, 1897.

Minot District. — Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Norcross District. — Caroline Bernhard, first assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Marian A. McIntyre, May A. Underhill, assistants, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Horace Mann School. — Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant, Sept. 7, 1897.

Instructor of Sewing. — Sarah H. Norman, Sept. 1, 1897.

Director of Physical Training. — Edward M. Hartwell, Sept. 1, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Sherwin District. — Bessie McBride, from Sept. 7, 1897. Special assistant.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles L. Reed, Albert W. Thayer, Harry W. Whittemore, junior-masters, Frank B. Masters, instructor, from Sept. 7, 1897. Temporary teachers.

West Roxbury High School. — Florence B. Kimball, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Everett District. — Bertha L. Mulloney, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary A. Fruean, Agatha P. Razoux, assistants, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Robert G. Shaw District. — William W. Howe, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Frances M. Mooers, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie G. Furlong, instructor, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

East Boston High School. — Gracia E. Read, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1897. Election of teachers on probation.

West Roxbury High School. — Fannie B. Wilson, assistant, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Bowditch District. — Mary E. Whitney, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Hyde District. — Susan J. Ginn, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Longfellow District. — Mary A. McCarthy, assistant, Primary School, third year, Alice M. York, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Prince District. — Ellen F. G. O'Connor, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Julia F. Coombs, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Manual Training Schools. — John C. Brodhead, Solvi Greve, George F. Hatch, assistant instructors, from Sept. 7, 1897; Sybel G. Brown, assistant instructor, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia A. Hughes, Maria W. Howard, Alice L. Manning, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Washington Allston District. — Lillian S. Allen, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teacher confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Alice B. Cherrington, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, on probation, in the same district, to date from Sept. 1, 1897.

Martin District. — Lena L. Carpenter, assistant, Primary School, to the same position in the Bowditch District, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Boys' Latin School. — Rufus W. Sprague, Jr., substitute for Grenville C. Emery, master, granted leave of absence.

Roxbury High School. — Florence E. Leadbetter, substitute for Ervinia Thompson, assistant, granted leave of absence.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Annie W. Ford, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 7, 1897; Kathie H. Emery, substitute.

Lowell District. — Cora F. Sanborn, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Nov. 7, 1897; Emily V. White, substitute.

Mr. McDonald offered the following:

Ordered, That Frederick W. Shattuck, sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 7, 1897.

Salary of Frederick W. Shattuck.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 7 — a communication from the Trustees for Children, requesting that school accommodations be furnished for the children in the Marcella-street Home, reported that the schools in that district are already crowded to such an extent as to make it impracticable to provide for an additional number of pupils. Your committee understand, however, that rooms for school purposes are available in the Marcella-street Home, and recommend that the Trustees for Children equip them for such use, if they are not

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Trustees for Children relative to admission of inmates of Marcella-street Home to public schools. [See pp. 251, 252.]

already properly furnished: and that this Board then appoint such teachers as shall be necessary for the instruction of the children referred to, and exercise over them the same control and supervision as over other public schools.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Trustees for Children.

Report of Committee on Examinations; applicants for admission to High Schools to have a certificate from the master of Grammar School. [See pp. 152, 153.]

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on Examinations, who were requested—May 11 — to consider and report upon the advisability of so changing the regulations as to provide that applicants for admission to the High Schools shall have a certificate from the master of the Grammar School as well as a diploma of graduation, reported that your committee have consulted with the Board of Supervisors, and have given the order their careful attention. They report that it is inexpedient to recommend any change in the regulations relative to admission of applicants to the High Schools.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on High Schools and Examinations; establishment of commercial course of study in High Schools.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Joint Committee on High Schools and Examinations, who were requested last year to consider and report upon the expediency of establishing a commercial course in the High Schools, reported that they have given the matter consideration, and are in favor of the establishment of such a course for High Schools where a sufficient number of pupils present themselves for such instruction. They have therefore prepared and present to the Board the accompanying course.

The report was accepted, and the accompanying course of study adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Edition of commercial course of study in High Schools.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the commercial course of study for High Schools be printed.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Additional ungraded class in Sherwin District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Sherwin District, making two in all.

Report of Joint Committee on High Schools and Rules and Regulations; instruction in military drill in High and Latin Schools. [See p. 186.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Joint Committee on High Schools and Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order relative to the abolishing of military instruction in the High and Latin Schools, reported that they have given the matter their careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to abolish military instruction in the High and Latin Schools.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Music.

Mr. Liebmann presented a report of the Committee on Music.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report was recommitted to the Committee on Music.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Distribution of income of Bowdoin fund.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to distribute the income of the Bowdoin fund in accordance with the provisions of the will.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Instruction in military drill in Boys' Latin School.

Ordered, That military drill be retained in the course of studies for the first class in the Boys' Latin School.

Mr. Bateman moved that the order be referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that under section 56 of the Rules the order should be referred to the Committee on Examinations.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

The order was referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Sanitation, etc., Prescott and Medford-street School-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to give immediate attention to the sanitation, painting, and general overhauling of the Prescott School-house, and also to give attention to the sanitation of the Medford-street School-house.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Additional ungraded class in Dearborn District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Dearborn District, making two in all.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Partitioning of room from hall of Harvard Grammar School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to at once take measures to partition off a room from the hall of the Harvard Grammar School.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
LAW DEPARTMENT, 73 TREMONT STREET,
BOSTON, Sept. 27, 1897.

Opinion of Corporation Counsel relative to schools of South Boston being included among those that are benefited by Gibson and Bowdoin, Dorchester, School Funds.

To the School Committee:

In reply to your order requesting my opinion "as to whether the schools in the South Boston district should not be included among those that are now benefited by the income of the Gibson School Fund, and the income of the Bowdoin School Fund," I have the honor to say that I have carefully examined the instruments by which these funds were created, and am of the opinion that the School Committee have the same right to expend the income from both funds for the benefit of the schools in South Boston that they have to expend it for those in Dorchester.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Expenditure of income of Gibson and Bowdoin School Funds.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to expend the income of the Gibson School Fund and the Bowdoin School Fund for the benefit of the public schools in South Boston and Dorchester.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of portion of reservoir lot, South Boston, for school purposes. [See p. 251.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Sept. 14, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of Sept. 7, 1897, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school purposes fifty-two thousand nine hundred twenty-six and $^{2}/_{10}$ square feet, more or less, of land on G street and Thomas park, and their decree of such taking has also this day been recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Trustees for Children relative to admission of inmates of Marcella-street Home to public schools. [See pp. 251, 252, 271, 272.]

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.
TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN,
32 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, Sept. 17, 1897.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: A copy of the vote of your Honorable Board has been received, and we thank you for your prompt consideration of our request. A committee consisting of Miss Balch, Mr. Dasey, and Mr. Lamb has been appointed to confer with you in relation to placing the Marcella-street Home children in the public schools.

May I ask you to appoint a committee for consultation at your earliest convenience? Any evening, or at any hour on a Friday, will best suit our committee for conference, at any place you may appoint.

Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,
H. A. LAMB,
Chairman, Trustees for Children.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Petition of Frederick W. Farwell *et als.*; establishment of Evening Elementary School in Roger Clap School-house.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Frederick W. Farwell and forty-nine others, asking for the establishment of an Evening Elementary School in the Roger Clap School-house.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Girls' Latin School. — Mary G. Seavey, assistant, Sept. 1, 1897. Resignations of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Amelia S. Duncan, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 30, 1897.

Dudley District. — Abby S. Nichols, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Emerson District. — Annie S. Hayward, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Phillips District. — Helen M. Coolidge, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Prince District. — Laura M. Kendrick, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 14, 1897.

Wells District. — Emily H. Gosselin, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Kindergartens.

7 Byron Court. — M. Elizabeth Watson, principal, Sept. 1, 1897.

Kettell Building. — Sara K. Savary, assistant, Sept. 1, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bennett District. — Mabel K. Tucker, Jennie L. Worth, from Sept. 7, 1897. Special assistants.

Eliot District. — Viola M. Allen, from Sept. 22, 1897.

Phillips District. — Henrietta Chase, Helen F. Prentiss, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Prince District. — Laura A. Ells, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Mabel F. Cassidy, Margaret F. Murphy, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Winthrop District. — Katherine E. Cotter, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, assistant, from Sept. 20, 1897.

Agassiz District. — James H. Gormley, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Bigelow District. — Alice M. Robinson, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Emerson District. — Helen A. Burke, Charlotte A. Fraser, Grace H. Mareman, assistants, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Hancock District. — Margaret Mais, Evelyn M. Pearce, assistants, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Lyman District. — Loretta Sullivan, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 27, 1897; Alvira M. Bartlett, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Mather District. — Viola S. Churchill, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Minot District. — Anna L. Foster, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Norcross District. — Cherrie W. St. Clair, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Phillips District. — Katherine C. Coveney, Ger-

trude Weeks, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897; Mary A. Scully, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1897.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 21, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Susan L. Mara, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Shurtleff District. — Florence G. Frazer, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Maude C. Tinkham, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Wells District. — Mabel M. Anderson, Margaret A. Connell, assistants, Grammar School, Mary A. Leavens, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — Patrick T. Campbell, junior-master, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Girls' Latin School. — Sybil B. Aldrich, assistant, from Sept. 20, 1897; Matilda A. Fraser, assistant, from Sept. 15, 1897.

Brighton High School. — Laura M. Kendrick, assistant, from Sept. 14, 1897.

Girls' High School — Sarah E. Potter, assistant, from Sept. 15, 1897.

Adams District. — Annie A. Doran, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Agassiz District. — Jennie A. Faxon, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Bennett District. — Mabel L. Chapman, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Bigelow District. — Frances Z. Whalen, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Bowdoin District. — Catherine M. Dolan, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Emerson District. — Ethel C. Brown, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Hancock District. — Ella A. Curtis, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Lewis District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Lowell District. — Lucia E. Esty, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897; Emma L. McDonald, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Martin District. — Lydia A. Buxton, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Kent, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Kate L. Brown, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Caspar Isham, sub-master, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Tileston District. — Mabel W. Chandler, assistant, Primary School, third year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Wells District. — Jeannette A. Nelson, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Instructors of Sewing. — Mary S. Dickinson, Margaret McDonald, from Sept. 20, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Lauriat-avenue School. — Jennie B. Brown, principal, from Sept. 7, 1897.

School-street School. — Alice B. Torrey, assistant, from Sept. 9, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dorchester High School. — Jane A. McLellan, assistant.

East Boston High School. — Lucia R. Peabody, assistant.

English High School. — Peter F. Gartland, junior-master.

Girls' High School. — Elizabeth M. Richardson, Grace G. Starbird, Mary E. Winn, assistants.

Adams District. — Helen L. Dennison, assistant, Primary School.

Agassiz District. — Annie C. Gallup, assistant, Grammar School.

Bennett District. — Charles F. Merrick, sub-master.

Bowditch District. — Lucy M. Bruhn, assistant, Grammar School.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Sheridan, assistant, Primary School.

Charles Sumner District. — Charlotte B. Hall, first assistant, Grammar School; Josie E. Evans, assistant, Grammar School.

Christopher Gibson District. — Flora E. Billings, Ethel P. West, assistants, Grammar School; Mary A. Cussen, assistant, Primary School.

Comins District. — Thomas G. Rees, sub-master.

Dillaway District. — Florence H. Griffin, Emma E. Long, assistants, Grammar School.

Eliot District. — Ellen G. Bird, assistant, Primary School.

Frothingham District. — Martha J. Bryant, assistant, Grammar School.

George Putnam District. — Mary A. Gove, assistant, Primary School.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Elizabeth B. Wetherbee, assistant, Grammar School.

Hancock District. — Margaret Mulligan, Catherine C. O'Connell, assistants, Grammar School; Katherine F. Doherty, assistant, Primary School.

Harris District. — Annetta F. Armes, assistant, Grammar School.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Eliza T. Ransom, assistant, Grammar School.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Florence Cahill, assistant, Primary School.

Lewis District. — Ellen M. Murphy, first assistant, Grammar School.

Lincoln District. — Ella M. Kenniff, Mary F. Lindsay, assistants, Primary School.

Longfellow District. — Mary M. A. Twombley, assistant, Grammar School.

Lyman District. — Katherine G. Garrity, Cora F. Murphy, assistants, Grammar School; Grace O. Peterson, assistant, Primary School.

Prescott District. — Melzar H. Jackson, sub-master; Mary E. Moran, assistant, Grammar School.

Quincy District. — George G. Edwards, sub-master.

Wells District. — Alice Dunn, assistant, Grammar School; Katherine E. Evans, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Emerson District. — Annie F. McGillicuddy, assistant, Grammar School, to the position of assistant, Primary School, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1897; Caroline E. Nutter, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

George Putman District. — Emma R. Gragg, assistant, Grammar School, to the same position in the Lewis District, to date from Sept. 1, 1897.

Quincy District. — Katherine A. Kiggen, assistant, Primary School, to the same position in the Wells District, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

Tileston District. — Katherine C. Merrick, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

School-street Kindergarten.— Alice Fobes, assistant, to the same position in the Greenwood Hall Kindergarten, to date from Sept. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Dillaway District. — Anna M. Stone, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 31, 1897; Florence W. Aiken, substitute.

Dudley District. — L. Adelaide Colligan, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Sept. 30, 1897; Josephine Hammond, substitute.

Eliot District. — M. Elizabeth McGinley, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 7, 1897; Margaret G. Melia, substitute.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary A. Crafts, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 1, 1897; Florence G. Willis, substitute.

Hyde District. — Esther H. Fletcher, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 31, 1897; Emma B. Gulliver, substitute.

Norcross District. — Fannie W. Hussey, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1897, until Nov. 1, 1897; Sarah M. Taylor, substitute. Alice J. Meins, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1897, until Jan. 1, 1898; Josephine J. Mahoney, substitute.

Prince District. — Mary Wilson, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 16, 1897, until Dec. 16, 1897; Hattie L. Gates, substitute.

Manual Training Schools. — Edith A. Pope, assistant instructor, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 1, 1897; Annie V. Comins, substitute.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of masters and principals of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and the Committee on Drawing, reported the following-named principals of Evening Drawing Schools, for the term 1897–98, to date from Oct. 11, 1897:

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Principals. — Charles L. Adams, Anson K. Cross, Albert L. Ware.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Allen, and Davison a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said instructors.

Masters and principals of Evening Drawing Schools elected.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. The masters nominated by the committee had each 17 votes, the principals had each 18 votes, and were accordingly declared elected masters and principals of the Evening Drawing Schools for the term 1897–98.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of Instructor in Military Drill.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and the Committee on High Schools, reported the following-named candidate for Instructor in Military Drill:

Instructor in Military Drill. — William H. Oakes.

The committee also report the following-named candidates for the same position :

George H. Benyon, John Drum, P. Frank Packard, William L. Ross, Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, and Coolidge a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The results of the ballots for Instructor in Military Drill, from the first to the fifteenth ballot, both inclusive, were as follows :

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.	8th Ballot.	9th Ballot.	10th Ballot.	11th Ballot.	12th Ballot.	13th Ballot.	14th Ballot.	15th Ballot.
Whole number of votes	23	23	23	23	23	23	22	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Necessary for a choice	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr.	12	14	13	12	11	13	12	11	12	13	13	12	12	14	12
William H. Oakes . .	8	9	9	11	10	10	10	11	11	10	10	11	11	9	10
P. Frank Packard .	2	. .	. .	. .	1	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
George H. Benyon .	1	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	1
William L. Ross . . .	. .	. .	1	. .	1	. .	. .	1	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .

There was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the election of an Instructor in Military Drill was specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board at 8 o'clock. Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was,

Appropriation for grading William H. Kent School-house lot.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

William H. Kent School-house, Moulton street, Charlestown, grading $4,200

Report of Committee on School Houses; accommodations for pupils in Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order authorizing them to prepare plans and specifications for all needed changes in class-rooms and equipment of the Mechanic Arts High School-house, and for the completion of the building in accordance with the original design, reported that alterations have been made that will provide better and increased accommodations for the pupils of this school, and your committee recommend that no further action be taken for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication relative to new building for Girls' Latin School; petition of E. E. Smith *et als.*, and petition of Henry L. Higginson *et als.*, for new building for Girls' Latin School. [See pp. 10, 11, 42.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom were referred, from the files of last year, a communication from H. T. Rockwell, Chairman, and Lindsay Swift, Secretary, and — Jan. 11 — a petition signed by E. E. Smith and twenty others, and — Jan. 26 — a petition signed by Henry L. Higginson and three hundred fifty others, relative to a new building for the Girls' Latin School, reported that they are fully aware of the crowded condition of this school, and the necessity of providing a new building, but they have no funds available at the present time for the erection of a new school-house, and therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — a petition from Samuel B. Capen relative to a new High School-house at West Roxbury, reported that plans are now being prepared for the enlargement of the present West Roxbury High School-house, which will be presented for the approval of the Board at an early date. They therefore recommend that no further action be taken.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition from citizens of West Roxbury district relative to new building for West Roxbury High School. [See p. 55.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — a petition from the Daughters of the Revolution, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, signed by Sarah E. Hunt, Regent, and Emma F. Foster, Secretary, relative to a site for the High School in South Boston, reported that they have given the petition their careful consideration. They believe, however, that the site already selected for the new South Boston High School is the proper one, and they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition from Daughters of the Revolution, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; use of Dorchester Heights for school purposes. [See p. 110.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 13 — an order relative to the establishment of Kindergartens in the Warren District, Charlestown, and at Lauriat avenue, Dorchester, reported that accommodations have been provided for these Kindergartens, and no further action is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; establishment of Kindergartens in Warren District and Lauriat avenue. [See p. 129.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 22 — an order that the Lyman School-house be wired for electric lights to be used in connection with a stereopticon for said school, reported that the

Report of Committee on School Houses; wiring of Lyman School-house. [See p. 224.]

matter has received attention, and your committee recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Vote of thanks to Loyal Legion.

Ordered, That permission be granted the Loyal Legion to place a bronze memorial tablet to Gen. Samuel M. Quincy in the hall of the Quincy School-house, and that the thanks of this Board be extended to the Loyal Legion for their generous gift.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of lot of Gilbert Stuart School-house.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes a lot of land between the lot of the Gilbert Stuart School-house on Richmond street, Dorchester, and Dorchester avenue, containing one hundred and twenty-seven square feet, more or less, belonging to Albert K. Teele and Richard C. Humphreys, trustees under the will of Edmund J. Baker, and bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Dorchester avenue one hundred ninety-six and $\frac{26}{100}$ feet south of Richmond street; thence running west sixty-three and $\frac{69}{100}$ feet parallel with land of the city of Boston; thence turning and running north two and $\frac{2}{100}$ feet parallel with land of the city of Boston; thence turning and running east sixty-three and $\frac{69}{100}$ feet to said Dorchester avenue; thence by said Dorchester avenue two and $\frac{2}{100}$ feet to the point of beginning.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the vote whereby the order was declared lost was reconsidered.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That accommodations in the Lyman, Prescott, Frothingham, Chauncy-place, Bunker Hill Grammar, B. F. Tweed, Common-street, Somerset-street, Tyler-street, Wells, Winchell, Way-street, Franklin, Rice, Charles C. Perkins, Sharp, Prince, West Concord-street, Everett, Joshua Bates, Howe, Ticknor, Roger Clap, Howard-avenue, Eustis-street, Winthrop-street, Dearborn, Yeoman-street, George-street, Hugh O'Brien, Hyde, Sherwin, Ira Allen, Phillips-street, Heath-street, Savin Hill avenue, Old Gibson, Lewis, Quincy-street, Munroe-street, Chestnut-avenue, Abby W. May, George Putnam, Margaret Fuller, Harris, Adams-street, Thetford-avenue, Washington Allston, and Mather school-houses, Atherton Building, and school-room Roxbury Court House, be granted to the Board of Election Commissioners for election purposes on the days of the State election and the city election this year, provided that said Board assume all expenses in connection therewith, and with the understanding that no requests for the use of school-houses for election purposes shall be made hereafter.

Use of school-houses granted to Board of Election Commissioners for election purposes.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 14 — an order that Frederick W. Shattuck, sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 7, 1897, reported that after careful consideration your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Frederick W. Shattuck. [See p. 271.]

Ordered, That Frederick W. Shattuck, sub-master in the Christopher Gibson District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Music.

Mr. Liebmann, for the Committee on Music, presented the following report of that committee:

In accordance with the provisions of the Rules of the School Board, the Committee on Music for the year 1897 respectfully submits the following report:

At a meeting of the Committee on Music held Sept. 25, 1896, it was voted to place the responsibility for instruction in music in the following schools upon the various masters, and that they be relieved from the supervision of the special instructors in music. They are the *Adams*, *Bigelow*, *Chapman*, *John A. Andrew*, *Lawrence*, *Lyman*, *Phillips*, *Shurtleff*, *Wells*, and *Charles Sumner Schools*. Subsequently the *John A. Andrew School* was stricken from this list, and the *Longfellow School* added.

By this action of the committee, the special instructors in music, whose duties would have been largely increased, owing to the resignation on July 1, 1896, of Mr. J. Munroe Mason, which vacancy had not been filled, were relieved of a portion of the additional work imposed upon them, while the instruction given to the pupils in the schools included in the foregoing list *suffered no falling off*, inasmuch as the respective masters and sub-masters are well fitted and competent to teach this branch of the curriculum.

It was also deemed wise to take some action in the direction of improving the methods of instruction in music given by the teaching corps generally, and to place also upon them the same responsibility for thorough and successful instruction in this subject that is required with regard to other branches of study. The committee accordingly passed the following vote: "That the instructors in music be requested to adopt such methods as shall place the responsibility for the instruction of the pupils upon the masters and their assistants, with a view to making the schools independent of the instructors in the study of music; the *work of the instructors to be supervisory and critical rather than teaching*."

It was also voted to hold special meetings of the teachers in the Grammar and Primary Schools, continuing under the supervision of the instructors in music at convenient times and places for the purpose of musical instruction and practice, and the chairman of the committee was authorized to carry the provisions of this vote into effect. In pursuance thereof, frequent meetings of the teachers with the special instructors have been held during the current year, and the results obtained from these conferences are very gratifying so far.

Your committee therefore sees no reason to deviate from this rule in the near future, as instructors in music as well as the various masters, together with the regular teachers of schools not relieved from the supervision of these special instructors on the one hand, and masters of schools so relieved on the other, carry on their work with zeal and apparent enthusiasm. Thus not only better and more effective work in the instruction of music has been secured, but also the saving of pay to one additional instructor in music. In conclusion it may be remarked that the chairman has held several satisfactory conferences with the musical instructors in connection with the carrying into effect of the foregoing provisions.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the plan of instruction in industrial drawing for the Free Evening Drawing classes be printed for use in the schools.

Edition of plan of instruction in industrial drawing for the Free Evening Drawing classes.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That a Sturtevant blower or some equivalent motive force be placed in the ventilating shaft of the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary School-houses.

Ventilation of Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to have a special and immediate inspection made of the boiler in the Harvard Grammar School, which is in a dangerous condition, and should be replaced by a new one.

Inspection of boiler in Harvard Grammar School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to at once secure a room for the use of the class in the Frothingham District in order that the base-

Accommodations for class in Frothingham District.

ment room used last year to the detriment of the health of the pupils be not of necessity employed this year, and that this room, if possible, be on the west side of Bunker Hill street.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Re-opening of Bunker Hill School.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Second Division Committee be notified of the date when the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools will be in fit condition for the reception of pupils, and that he be authorized to advertise the same in the local paper at his discretion, providing no expense to the School Board be thereby incurred.

Mr. McDonald offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to the appointment and transfer of instructors.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 81. Strike out all after the word "Nominations," in the seventh line, to and including the words "Board of Supervisors," in the nineteenth line.

SECTION 84. Strike out the words "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "conferring with the principals."

SECTION 90. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth and fifth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors." Strike out in the second paragraph all after the word "election," in the sixth line.

SECTION 91. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the second, third, and fourth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "in consultation with the principal."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Whereas, By direct orders from His Honor the Mayor, Patrick Murphy, a citizen of Ward 4, has been discharged from his work at the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools without a reason recognized as valid by this Board, Employment of Patrick Murphy.

Whereas, His worthiness as a first-class workman and good citizen has not in the slightest degree been called in question, and

Whereas, the excellence of his work and his reliable industry has been especially commended by his employer and the assistant superintendent in charge,

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to at once permit and direct the reinstatement of Patrick Murphy as a plumber in the work at the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools, or submit to this Board valid reasons for the action which has been taken by his direct and repeated orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider and report upon the advisability of providing additional yard accommodations for the Norcross School. Additional yard accommodations for Norcross School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to at once remedy the wretched sanitary conditions of the Weston-street School-house. Sanitary condition of Weston-street School-house.

Mr. Liebmann, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Caspar Isham, sub-master of the Salary of Caspar Isham.

Sherwin District, be placed upon the fourth year of service of his rank.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Two additional ungraded classes in Hancock District.

Ordered, That two additional ungraded classes be allowed in the Hancock District, making eight in all.

Report of Committee on Accounts; salary of Samuel P. Howard. [See p. 193.]

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that the salary of the janitor of the Bigelow School be fixed at the rate of seventy-five dollars per month dating from Feb. 1, 1897, reported that the matter has been attended to, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Accounts; payment to Frank B. Masters.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Committee on Manual Training concerning compensation to Frank B. Masters in the Mechanic Arts High School for extra services performed during the month of July, 1897, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That Frank B. Masters, temporary instructor in the Mechanic Arts High School, be paid twenty dollars ($20) for extra services.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; establishment of branch of Evening High School in South Boston. [See p. 222.]

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, who were requested — June 22 — to consider and report upon the advisability of establishing a branch of the Evening High School in the South Boston District, reported that your committee are of the opinion that the needs of that district warrant the establishment of a branch Evening High School as suggested in the order referred. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That a branch of the Evening High School

be opened in South Boston, to date from Oct. 4, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to fix the hours of the sessions of the Evening Elementary Schools in accordance with their discretion.

Hours of the sessions of Evening Elementary Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide sanitary accommodations in the Charles Sumner School for the use of the master and sub-masters of that school.

Sanitary accommodations in Charles Sumner School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to investigate the condition of the school-house yards in the Robert G. Shaw District, and give them such attention as may be required.

Investigation of school yards in Robert G. Shaw District.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to give immediate attention to the painting and tinting of the room on the upper floor of the Mt. Vernon-street Primary School-house, and order such other repairs as may be necessary.

Painting and tinting of room in Mt. Vernon-street Primary School-house.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide a new Primary School-house in the Robert G. Shaw District.

New Primary School-house in Robert G. Shaw District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Expenditure for instruction in type-setting and printing in Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) during the current school year, for providing instruction in type-setting and printing to the pupils of said school.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Committee on Horace Mann School to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to present their annual report in print, and that fifteen hundred copies be printed.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Heating of hall of Roger Clap School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses provide at once additional means for heating the hall of the Roger Clap School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 12, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Hubbard, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the records of the last meeting were amended on page 277 by substituting "Oct. 1, 1897," in place of "Sept. 1, 1897," as the date of the resignation of Annie S. Hayward, assistant, Grammar School, Emerson District.

Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Sept. 23, 1897.

Communication from City Council; employment of additional force of men to keep school-yards free from snow and ice.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider the expediency of employing an additional force of men to keep the school-yards free from snow and ice during the winter season, and thereby relieve the janitors from such duty.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, September 27, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken for school purposes on Vine and Pine streets, Charlestown.

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office.
City Hall, Oct. 9, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Jeremiah Minehan upon the sum of sixty-eight hundred dollars, as payment for his land upon Vine and Pine streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Oct. 9, 1895 (taking recorded same day), upon said Minehan giving to the city a deed for his said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to construction of Paul Revere School-house.

City of Boston.
In Common Council, Sept. 23, 1897.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to investigate the construction of the Paul Revere School-house, in Ward 6, now in process of erection, and report the result to the Common Council, as in the opinion of the Council the school is not to the entire satisfaction of citizens of Boston.

JAS. H. SHANNON.

In Common Council, Sept. 23, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY.
President.

Mayor's Office, Sept. 28, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council relative to appropriation for improvements in school buildings.

City of Boston.
In Board of Aldermen, July 21, 1897.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be hereby appropriated for the Public Buildings Department, School Expenses, the same to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings in making such improvements in school buildings, to secure better

sanitation and ventilation therein, and better means of escape in case of fire, as may be ordered by the School Committee; provided, however, that said money is appropriated only on condition that plans or specifications for such work shall be prepared by the School Committee and approved by the Mayor;

And that, to provide the money so appropriated, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston to said amount, payable at the office of the City Treasurer twenty years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That any premiums coming to the city in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Passed. Yeas 10, nays none. Sent down for concurrence.

September 23 came up concurred. Yeas 59, nay 1.

Approved by the Mayor Sept. 24, 1897, he certifying on the original order that the foregoing loan is not, in his opinion, to meet a current expense.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, Oct. 7, 1897.

Communication from The Boston Parents Education Association for Deaf Children; gift of tablet for Horace Mann School.

To the Boston School Committee:

An association formed under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, called The Boston Parents Education Association for Deaf Children, have procured a tablet with appropriate inscription in memory of Francis Green, the first to advocate the establishment of schools for the education of the deaf in this country, and wish to present same to the Horace Mann School of Boston. Said tablet is made of bronze, size about two and one-half feet by two feet, and to be placed on outside of said building.

We ask permission from your Honorable Body to do so.

JOHN McCANDLISH,
for the Association.

Referred to the Joint Committee on School Houses and Horace Mann School.

The Chair read the following:

Petition of Mrs. W. M. Fogg *et als.*, relative to the establishment of a Kindergarten in Dorchester Centre.

To the Honorable Committee of the School Board of the City of Boston:

The undersigned, parents and the resident citizens of that portion of Dorchester known as Dorchester Centre, and within the district bounded by Melville avenue on the south, Dorchester avenue on the east, Westville or Bowdoin streets on the north, and Washington street on the west, respectfully represent that we are in need of a Kindergarten school centrally located within the section named, and we further represent that comfortable rooms can be procured in the new Stewart building, corner of Bloomfield street and Geneva avenue.

Respectfully submitting for your early consideration and favorable action.

MRS. W. M. FOGG,
and forty-nine others.

Referred to the Committee on Kindergartens.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; relative to public school children partaking in exercises commemorative of launching of the "Constitution."

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
CITY HALL, BOSTON, Oct. 12, 1897.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, Esq., *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: Several of the gentlemen who are representing the Governor upon the committee in charge of the arrangements for the exercises on the anniversary of the launching of the "Constitution" on October 21st have suggested that it would be a very desirable feature if the Boston School Regiment could turn out with the marines from the fleet on that day. It is proposed that after the exercises in the Old South, which are expected to finish about two o'clock, there should be a parade through a few of the down-town streets and over to the navy yard, escorting the Governor to the "Constitution." I do not know whether it would be practicable to have the School Regiment turn out for this purpose, but if it would be, I concur in the opinion that it would be a desirable feature of the exercises. I present this matter for the consideration of the committee, and hope that it may receive early attention, as I am requested to notify the chief marshal whether the School Regiment will parade or not.

It has also been suggested that it would be proper to have suitable exercises in connection with the school services during the morning, and that it might be well to give the school children a half-holiday on this day.

Yours respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the special assignment, being the election of Instructor of Military Drill, was taken up.

Special assignment; election of Instructor of Military Drill. [See pp. 284, 285.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Allen and Gallivan a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said instructor.

The results of the several ballots were as follows:

Ballot.

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.	8th Ballot.	9th Ballot.	10th Ballot.
Whole number of votes	19	19	19	19	18	19	19	19	20	20
Necessary for a choice	13	13	13	13	12	13	13	13	14	14
Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr.	10	9	10	11	11	10	11	10	11	14
William H. Oakes	8	9	9	8	7	9	7	9	9	6
John Drum	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
P. Frank Packard	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....

On the tenth ballot Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr., having received the necessary number of votes required under the law, was declared elected Instructor of Military Drill.

Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr., elected Instructor of Military Drill.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors:

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Agassiz District. — Alice Nowland, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Resignation of teachers.

Frothingham District. — Inez H. Gillmore, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Eliza T. Ransom, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 30, 1897.

Rice Training School. — Lotta A. Clark, assistant, Sept. 28, 1897.

Horace Mann School — J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor in manual training, Sept. 20, 1897.

Assistant Director of Modern Languages. — Jacob Lehmann, Sept. 7, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Union-street School. — Lilian Hooper, assistant, Oct. 15, 1897.

Thetford-street School. — Sarah T. Whitmarsh, assistant, Sept. 20, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Edward Everett District. — Sally T. Fletcher, from Sept. 9, 1897.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Lydia D. Johnson, from Sept. 14, 1897.

Hancock District. — Mary E. Murphy, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Martin District. — Martha F. Titus, from Sept. 22, 1897.

Mather District. — Ella J. Costello, from Sept. 22, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1897, inclusive. Susan H. Nugent, from Oct. 4, 1897.

Quincy District. — Mary C. Harrington, from Sept. 29, 1897.

Tileston District. — Mary G. Morton, from Oct. 5, 1897.

Washington Allston District. — Margaret A. Foley, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Kindergartens.

7 Byron Court. — Marion E. Poole, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Greenwood Hall. — Mary A. Daly, from Sept. 9, 1897.

Kenilworth-street School. — Anina L. Fitzsimmons, from Sept. 30, 1897.

Kettell Building. — Clara G. Dennis, from Sept. 22, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Brighton High School. — Lucy W. Warren, assistant, from Sept. 30, 1897.

Dorchester High School. — Sarah W. Morse, assistant, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Bowditch District. — M. Louise Wiswall, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, to Sept. 10, 1897, inclusive.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 20, 1897.

Christopher Gibson District. — Katherine J. Daily, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 9, 1897.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897; Annie S. Irvin, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 20, 1897.

Dudley District. — Charles W. Turner, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Franklin District. — Rose Weinberg, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Frothingham District. — Mary A. Quirk, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Hancock District. — Mabel C. Higgins, Mary J. Ryan, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — May E. Ward, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 24, 1897.

Lewis District. — Catherine G. Foley, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Lowell District. — Louise H. Hinckley, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Annie R. Mohan, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Brighton High School. — Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physical training, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Charlestown High School. — Lotta A. Clark, assistant, from Sept. 28, 1897.

Dorchester High School. — Louisa E. Humphrey, assistant, from Oct. 11, 1897.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — Jacob Lehmann, teacher of German, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Christopher Gibson District. — Elizabeth G. Crotty, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Sept. 16, 1897.

Dudley District. — Alice M. Crowell, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Emerson District. — Ethel C. Brown, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Jane Parker, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Phillips District. — Katherine C. Coveney, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Manual Training Schools. — J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor, from Sept. 20, 1897.

Instructor of Sewing. — Katharine M. Howell, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Kindergartens.

East Fourth-street School. — Grace L. Sanger, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Kettell Building. — Emma F. Temple, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Lauriat-avenue School. — Miriam S. Cutler, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Thetford-street School. — Sarah T. Whitmarsh, principal, from Sept. 20, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Normal School. — Gertrude E. Bigelow, Mary C. Mellyn, Lillian M. Towne, assistants; Mary C. Shute, assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the kindergarten.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Harriet E. Bird, assistant instructor.

Dwight District. — Mabel E. Latta, assistant, Primary School.

Hyde District. — A. Maud Gilbert, assistant, Grammar School.

Lewis District. — Allan L. Sedley, first assistant, Grammar School; Abigail A. Scannell, assistant, Gram-

mar School; Mary H. Burgess, assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Carrie M. Cogswell, assistant, Primary School.

Manual Training Schools. — Susan M. Thacher, assistant instructor.

Schools of Cookery. — Margaret W. Howard, instructor.

Yeoman-street Kindergarten. — Mary T. Hale, principal.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Lewis District. — Blanche L. Ormsby, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Choate Burnham School. — Elizabeth E. Henchey, principal, to the same position in the Boylston Chapel, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

Tappan School. — Margaret T. McCabe, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Union-street School, to date from Oct. 18, 1897.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Appointment of instructors in Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants, John Abbott, Harry N. Andrews, William H. Brown, John J. Cadigan, Frank M. Copeland, Guy W. Cox, William R. P. Emerson, E. Emmons Grover, Charles C. Haines, Walter L. Harrington, Frank Hendrick, Henry Johnston, Frank M. McCutcheon, Samuel W. Mendum, Arthur B. Morong, Herbert L. Morse, William L. Murphy, Ernest K. Piper, Everett C. Roche, Henry C.

Shaw, Charles E. Stetson, Henry M. Walradt, from Sept. 27, 1897; William F. Boos, Theron H. Carter, Frederick N. Chandler, George A. Cowen, David Gibbs, Edwin A. Howes, Frederick J. Macleod, Frederick C. McLaughlin, John H. Moore, John C. Sanborn, Jr., Lyman G. Smith, from Oct. 4, 1897. *Instructors of French.* — Henri Morand, Frank Vogel, from Oct. 4, 1897. *Instructors of German.* — Joseph Blackstein, Jacob Lehmann, from Oct. 4, 1897. *Instructors of Penmanship.* — William A. Whitehouse, from Sept. 27, 1897; Charles A. French, Leon M. Wallace, from Oct. 4, 1897. *Instructor in Penmanship and Book-keeping.* — James W. Blaisdell, from Sept. 27, 1897. *Instructors of Phonography.* — James B. Machugh, from Sept. 27, 1897; William D. Bridge, Ewing W. Hamlen, Albert E. Leon, from Oct. 4, 1897. *Instructor of Phonography and Type-writing.* — Richard F. Sullivan, from Sept. 27, 1897. Frank E. Barnard, clerk, from Sept. 27, 1897. *Charlestown Branch. Assistant in charge.* — Fred A. Fernald, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, Robert E. Burke, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Eloise A. Barstow, Annie M. Bowers, Mary E. Farrell, Agnes J. Hallahan, Annie R. Mohan, Mary F. Murphy, Annie C. O'Reilly, Mary J. Ryan, Mary E. Thompson, from Sept. 27, 1897; Ida Badanes, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Comins School. — First assistant, E. Irving Beal, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, A. Estella Allen, Catherine G. Foley, Jennie M. Jackson, Myrtle T. King, Minna B. Noyes, J. Herman Trybom, Sally Viles, from Sept. 27, 1897; Jessie A. Burr, Everett P. Carey, Lilian G. Farmer, Helen F. Lambert, Julia K. Ordway, from Sept. 29, 1897.

Dearborn School. — First assistant, Daniel W. Weis, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Mary E. Meaney, Edward E. Sparhawk, from Sept. 27, 1897; James H. Gormley, William W. Howe, Mary F. Murphy, from Sept. 29, 1897.

Eliot School. — First assistants, Frederic Serex, Julius A. Weigmann, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Cecilia Coyle, Margaret Coyle, Mary A. F. Gunning, Martha N. Hobart, Annie C. Lamb, Sigmund Pollak, from Sept. 27, 1897; Samuel Fine, from Sept. 28, 1897; Helen M. Cleveland, Mary A. Duston, Harriet E. Ells, Louise H. Hinckley, Joseph Kirwen, Stephen A. McIntire, Frances M. Mooers, Marie Morse, Mary F. O'Brien, Mary F. Power, Eugene L. Sampson, Grace H. Smith, from Sept. 30, 1897.

Franklin School. — First assistants, James Burrier, Clarence P. Coburn, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Mary A. Boland, George B. Buffington, Henriette Goldstein, Frances V. Keyes, Louis Leyser, Ede F. Travis, from Sept. 27, 1897: L. Frances Crane, Elizabeth G. Crotty, Annie Dooley, Charlotte M. Frost, Emma B. Huse, Mary E. Murphy, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Aloyse B. Tierney, Sarah F. Woodworth, from Sept. 28, 1897; Annie G. Colbert, Alice W. Emerson, from Sept. 29, 1897; Susan L. Mara, from Oct. 4, 1897.

Lincoln School. — First assistant, David Gibbs, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Mary C. Gartland, Anna T. Mahar, Josephine J. Mahoney, Alice G. O'Gorman, Alice E. Thornton, from Sept. 27, 1897; Menzo Burlingame, from Sept. 28, 1897; Mary C. Harrington, from Sept. 30, 1897; Katharine P. Kelley, from Oct. 1, 1897.

Lyman School. — First assistant, George W. Ransom, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Minnie L.

Butland, Paul F. Ela, Annie G. Hughes, Eliza M. Warren, Martha S. Watson, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Mather School. — First assistant, Charles W. Turner, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, George S. Berry, Jr., Everett W. Lord, Margaret H. Manning, Margaret E. Roche, from Sept. 27, 1897; Frances M. Campbell, from Sept. 30, 1897.

Quincy School. — First assistant, Arthur W. Armstrong, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Mary P. Howland, Kate V. Tiernay, from Sept. 27, 1897; Joseph A. Ewart, Ida E. Hall, Hairabed S. Jelalian, Edward N. Quinn, Edwin H. Watson, from Sept. 29, 1897.

Warren School. — First assistant, Arthur Harrington, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Lucy M. Bosworth, Margaret F. Gannon, Abby G. Grandison, Mary L. Long, Mary A. Mahan, Ellen M. O'Connor, Agnes M. Turnbull, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Washington Allston School. — First assistant, George E. Murphy, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Nellie A. Clorety, John W. Cooke, Anna F. DeVere, Edwin A. Howes, Hattie L. Kennedy, Eleanor J. Murphy, Avedis B. Selian, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Wells School. — First assistant, Sidney E. Bailey, from Sept. 27, 1897. Assistants, Ida E. Bailey, Maria L. Brennan, Mattie M. Clough, Annie C. Covell, Rosa Freedman, Gertrude L. Hodges, Isabella H. Howe, W. Hector S. Kollmyer, Cecelia F. Leahy, Mary W. Perry, Elizabeth M. Shine, Isabel A. Smith, Agnes G. Tarpey, Blanche F. Harrington, from Sept. 27, 1897; Stanley W. C. Downey, Annie B. Parker, from Sept. 30, 1897; Lillian T. Bryant, from Oct. 4, 1897; S. Maria Elliott, Anna M. T. Sheehan, from Oct. 5, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Adams District. — Jennie A. Soutter, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 7, 1897; Alice M. Macdonald, substitute.

Chapman District. — Mary C. Hall, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Jan. 9, 1898; Gertrude W. Merrill, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Katharine A. Regan, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1897, until Dec. 13, 1897; Harriet E. Ells, substitute.

Dudley District. — Margaret T. Dooley, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1897, until Nov. 1, 1897; Isabella H. Howe, substitute.

Emerson District. — H. Elizabeth Cutter, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 4, 1897, until Feb. 4, 1898; M. Louise Wiswall, substitute.

Franklin District. — Elizabeth E. Daily, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Dec. 1, 1897; Emily Frazer, substitute.

Lawrence District. — Elinor F. Buckley, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 4, 1897, until Jan. 1, 1898; Ann M. Mitchell, substitute.

Lincoln District. — Hannah L. Manson, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Jan. 7, 1898; Ellen Carver, substitute.

Unity Chapel Kindergarten. — Susan M. Mayhew, assistant, from Sept. 13, 1897, until Dec. 1, 1897; Helen L. Holmes, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 28—an order requesting them

to have a special and immediate inspection made of the boiler in the Harvard Grammar School, which was stated to be in a dangerous condition, reported that said boiler has been recently inspected and found to require some slight repairs which have been properly attended to.

Inspection of boiler in Harvard Grammar School. [See p. 291.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Jeremiah Minehan, the sum of sixty-eight hundred dollars ($6,800), as payment for his land upon Vine and Pine streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Oct. 9, 1895 (taking recorded same day), upon said Minehan giving to the city a deed for his said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of land on Pine and Vine streets, Charlestown. [See p. 298.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 7 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the City Council, asking that the children of the First Section, East Boston, be allowed to use the land adjoining the Plummer School as a playground, reported that about a year ago a fence was constructed around said land because of the complaints of residents in that vicinity, and your committee believe that, if the fence is now removed, thus giving free access to the lot, the same objections will again be made. They therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is inexpedient to allow the use of the lot of land as suggested in the communication referred.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from City Council; use of land adjoining Plummer School-house as playground. [See p. 249.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 7 — an order that a teachers' room be fur-

Report of Committee on School Houses;

furnishing of teachers' room in Bunker Hill School-house. [See p. 252.]

nished in the Bunker Hill School, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary accommodations in Charles Sumner School-house. [See p. 295.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — an order requesting them to provide sanitary accommodations in the Charles Sumner School-house for the use of the master and sub-masters of that school, reported that they have ordered such accommodations installed in said school-house. They therefore recommend that no further action is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional room for wood-working in Thomas N. Hart District. [See p. 191.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order that an additional room for wood-working classes be fitted up in the Thomas N. Hart District, reported that the matter has received attention, and your committee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to improvements in condition of Chapman School. [See pp. 249, 250.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 7 — a communication from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, requesting that immediate steps be taken to place the Chapman School, in East Boston, in complete repair and proper sanitary condition, reported that needed repairs have been made in this building, and your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through his Honor the Mayor, that the school-house is now in good sanitary condition.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to his Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — a communication from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, requesting that the School Committee report as to the cost of purchasing a vacant lot of land at the corner of Byron and Saratoga streets, and erecting a school-house thereon, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through his Honor the Mayor, that the condition of their appropriation precludes the construction of a school-house in the location named, at this time.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to cost of purchasing vacant lot of land at the corner of Byron and Saratoga streets. [See pp. 21, 22.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to his Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 22 — an order requesting them to provide accommodations for a zoölogical laboratory in the Charlestown High School-house, reported that the condition of their appropriation does not warrant an expenditure for such purpose this year.

Report of Committee on School Houses; accommodations for zoölogical laboratory in Charlestown High School. [See p. 222.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 9 — an order that future sanitary accommodations for school-houses where sufficient yard room is available be installed in a detached structure, properly heated, adjacent to and connected with the school-house by a covered passage, reported that they have given this subject consideration, and recommend that it is inexpedient to take any action thereon at the present time.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitation of school buildings. [See pp. 88, 89.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 9 — a synopsis of reports received from the various masters, upon the sanitary condition

Report of Committee on School Houses; synopsis of reports on

sanitary condition of school-houses. [See pp. 86, 87.]

of the buildings under their charge, reported that they are giving the matter attention and having the sanitary condition of the various school-houses improved from time to time, as rapidly as the funds at their disposal will admit. They recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to new building for old Ira Allen School building.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, requesting that the School Committee report as to the necessity of erecting a new eight-room school building on Leon street, in place of the old Ira Allen School building now in use, together with an estimate of the cost of the same, and also the proposed location of the building, reported that this committee recognize the necessity of a new school-house being constructed, as suggested in the communication referred, but owing to the lack of sufficient funds available for the purpose, they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the building of such a school-house cannot be undertaken at the present time.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on School Houses; Sharon street to be put in proper condition. [See p. 91.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred—March 9 — an order that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to put Sharon street, Ward 23, in a proper condition, and to cause a sewer to be laid in the street, reported that there are no sewers in the immediate vicinity of this school, nor can any sewers be built in this district and provided with an outlet until either the West Roxbury low level sewer is built up to

the Hyde Park line or the Clarendon Hills branch of the Metropolitan sewer is built, and your committee have been unable to ascertain how long a time will elapse before the building of either of these sewers. It would clearly be a waste of money to construct a sewer in Sharon street for which there would be no outlet, and your committee would therefore recommend that no further action by the Board be taken for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Trustees for Children relative to admission of inmates of Marcella-street Home to public schools. [See pp. 251, 252, 271, 272, 276.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — a communication from the Trustees for Children relative to the admission of the inmates of the Marcella-street Home to the public schools, reported that a conference has been held with the committee appointed by the trustees, in accordance with the request contained in said communication, and your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That a public school be established in the Marcella-street Home for the children in said Home, the same to be without expense to the School Committee for rent, care, and heating of rooms, or for any lighting that may be necessary, and that said school be placed in charge of the principal of the Lowell District; and that the Committee on the Eighth Division be requested to arrange for the proper organization of said school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; establishment of Kindergarten at Forest Hills. [See p. 129.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — April 13 — an order relative to the establishment of a Kindergarten at Forest Hills, reported that after considering this matter your committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to hire addi-

tional accommodations for Kindergartens at the present time.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for Primary School-house, Moulton street, additional land.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Primary School-house, Moulton street, additional land, $2,000.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans and specifications for grading, paving, and fencing school-house lot on Chestnut Hill avenue and Chiswick road.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by Lewis H. Bacon, Architect, for grading, paving, and fencing the school-house lot, on Chestnut Hill avenue and Chiswick road, Brighton, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board; and the said Lewis H. Bacon is hereby elected and employed to supervise the grading, paving, and fencing of said school-house lot in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade, pave, and fence same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contract for such work subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Oct. 12, 1897.

To the Committee on School-Houses:

SIRS: Having examined with care the plans and specifications for grading, paving, and fencing the school-house lot on the corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Chiswick road in the Aberdeen District,

prepared by Lewis H. Bacon, Architect, said plans being three in number, I hereby approve said plans and specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; grading and fencing of Cudworth School lot. [See p. 224.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 22 — an order that the rear of the Cudworth School lot be graded and fenced, reported that plans and specifications for said work and for paving with brick the present playgrounds, have been prepared, and are herewith submitted for the approval of the Board. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for grading, paving, and fencing the playgrounds around the Cudworth School-house, East Boston, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade, pave, and fence said playgrounds, in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contract for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accepted.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Oct. 12, 1897.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: Having examined with care the plan and specifications for the playground about the Cudworth Primary School in East Boston, prepared by Col. Fred B. Bogan, Superintendent of Public Buildings I hereby approve said plan and specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; contracts for erection of school-houses to be approved by the Board. [See p. 40.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that hereafter any contract for the erection of a school-house shall be submitted for the approval of the Board before the same is executed, reported that after consideration of the matter your committee are of the opinion that all propositions involving the expenditure of money should be submitted to the Board for approval. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That all votes of the Committee on School Houses involving the expenditure of money shall be submitted for the approval of the Board before they are executed.

Accepted.

Mr. Eaton moved that the order be amended by substituting for the word "money" the words "more than one thousand dollars."

Mr. Eaton's motion to amend was lost.

The order was lost.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Second sub-master allowed in Lewis District.

Ordered, That a second sub-master be allowed in the Lewis District.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion upon the subject.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that the Quincy-street School, in which the services of this sub-master would be required, contained a large number of children, and, in his opinion, it was highly desirable that a male instructor be employed in said school.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physical training in the Brighton High School, be fixed at the rate of seven hundred dollars ($700) per annum, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

Salary of Eleanor J. O'Brien.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor with regard to the exercises to be held on the anniversary of the launching of the "Constitution" on October 21, suggesting that the Boston School Cadets join in the parade on that day, that suitable exercises be held in the various schools during the morning sessions, and that the afternoon sessions be dispensed with, reported that they have given this matter very careful consideration, and recommend that His Honor the Mayor be respectfully informed that it is inexpedient to have a parade of the school cadets so early in the year, that they do not believe that the sessions of the schools should be suspended as suggested, but recommend that the masters of the various schools hold such patriotic exercises as seem to them fitting for the occasion.

Report of Committee on High Schools; communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to public school children partaking in exercises commemorative of launching of the "Constitution."

Accepted, and the recommendations of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salary of Jacob Lehmann, teacher of German in the Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools, be fixed at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) per annum, to date from Sept. 7, 1897.

Salary of Jacob Lehmann.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Salary of J. Herman Trybom.

Ordered, That J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor in Manual Training Schools, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Sept. 20, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of George F. Hatch.

Ordered, That George F. Hatch, assistant instructor in Manual Training Schools, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 7, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Equipment of school kitchen in Charles Sumner School-house.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the equipment of a school kitchen in the Charles Sumner School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Naming of new Robinson-street School in honor of Benjamin Cushing.

Ordered, That the new Robinson-street School be named the Benjamin Cushing School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Leave of absence without pay to Jane T. Cook.

Ordered, That leave of absence without pay from Oct. 1, 1897, until Jan. 1, 1898, be granted to Jane T. Cook, assistant, Primary School, in the Harris District.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; petition of Homer Rogers *et als.*; establishment of

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, to whom was referred — June 8 — a petition signed by Homer Rogers and forty-seven others, for the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Allston District on the

south side of the railroad track, reported that they have carefully considered the matter and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient at the present time to establish a Kindergarten as suggested in the petition referred. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Kindergarten in Allston District. [See p. 204.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; vacation in Evening Drawing Schools.

SECTION 346. Add the following to the section: "The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Director of Drawing be allowed two additional assistants, to date from Jan. 1, 1898.

Additional assistants to Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to fix the compensation of the two additional assistants to the Director of Drawing.

Compensation for assistants to Director of Drawing.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Truant Officers, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 15, 1897.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Ordered, That the committees in charge are hereby authorized to dispense with the sessions of the public schools in buildings used for polling-places on the days of the State election and the city election this year

Dispensing with sessions of public schools on days of State and city elections.

where, in the judgment of said committees, the school work will be seriously interrupted. The sessions of no public schools shall be dispensed with on said election days without the approval of the committees in charge.

Communication from Mr. Liebmann relative to the overworking of the children attending the public schools.

Mr. Liebmann presented a communication relative to the overworking of the children attending the public schools, appended to which were the following preamble and resolve:

Whereas, At the present time the question of overwork in public schools is being agitated throughout the civilized world, the medical profession in particular being aroused to a notable degree;

Whereas, More reliable data as to the correctness or groundlessness of the existence of overwork in the Boston public schools are desirable;

Resolved, That the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training and the Committee on Examinations be requested to act as a joint committee of investigation and inquire into and report at their early convenience upon an alleged condition of overwork as prevailing in the Boston public schools, whether sufficient evidence proving its existence is obtainable and if so, what measures should be recommended to repair existing faults.

The communication was placed on file, and the preamble and resolve adopted.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Board of Supervisors to report on expediency of providing an additional sub-master in Lewis District.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and report to this Board on the expediency of providing another sub-master in the Lewis District, and also whether some uniform method of providing additional sub-masters in growing school districts should be adopted, with such suggestions and recommendations as the supervisors may desire to offer.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — June 22 — an order that a special teacher of French be employed in the Grammar Schools of the Fifth Division, during the school year 1897–98, and that the Committee on Salaries be requested to fix the salary of such teacher, reported that this matter has received the careful consideration of this committee, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Examinations; employment of special teacher of French in Grammar Schools of Fifth Division. [See p. 224.]

Ordered, That a special teacher of French be employed in such of the Grammar Schools as the Superintendent of Schools may designate, during the school year 1897–98, and that the Committee on Salaries be requested to fix the salary of such teacher.

Accepted.

The order was lost.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That a second first assistant be authorized for service in the Franklin Evening School, and also in the Eliot Evening School, to date from Sept. 27, 1897.

Second first assistant authorized in both the Franklin and Eliot Evening Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Charles T. Marsh be appointed special teacher of penmanship in the Evening High School, to date from Oct. 4, 1897, and that the salary of such teacher be at the rate of two dollars ($2) per evening of actual service.

Appointment and salary of Charles T. Marsh, teacher of penmanship, Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Henry H. Folsom be appointed assistant in charge of the East Boston Branch of the Evening High School, who shall also serve as principal of the

Appointment and salary of Henry H. Folsom, assistant in

charge of East Boston Branch Evening High School.

Lyman Evening School, to date from Sept. 27, 1897, and that he be paid for his services in these positions the sum of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of assistant in charge of Charlestown Branch Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in charge of the Charlestown Branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 27, 1897.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Employment of additional assistance in physical and chemical laboratory of Evening High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ such additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School as may be needed, at an expense not exceeding two dollars ($2) per evening.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual Report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 16, 1897.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 26, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Davison.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Boston Public Schools.
Superintendent's Office, Boston, Oct. 22, 1897.

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; classes established in Marcella-street Home to be ungraded.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

Having taken into consideration the circumstances and needs of the school in the Marcella-street Home, I recommend that all the classes in this school be treated as ungraded classes, and that one teacher be furnished for each thirty-five pupils in this school, or majority fraction thereof.

At the present time six ungraded classes will contain all the pupils in this school. I should hope that more ungraded classes might be established, if the school should increase in numbers so as to require it.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Boston Public Schools.
Superintendent's Office, Boston, Oct. 26, 1897.

Communication from Board of Supervisors; expediency of providing an additional submaster in Lewis District. [See p. 322.]

To the School Committee:

The following order was passed at the meeting of the School Committee, held Oct. 12, 1897:

"*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and report to this Board on the expediency of providing another submaster in the Lewis District, and also whether some uniform method

of providing additional sub-masters in growing school districts should be adopted, with such suggestions and recommendations as the supervisors may desire to offer."

Pursuant to the above order, the Board of Supervisors respectfully submits the following

REPORT.

The Quincy-street (Roxbury) School building was designed for the use of children below the Grammar School age. Owing, however, to the crowded condition of the Lewis Grammar School, a Grammar class was organized in this Primary building some three or four years ago. Each succeeding year the demand for room has been more urgent, until at the present time there are in the Quincy-street building four Grammar and five Primary classes, containing 482 pupils in all. One of the latter, containing 42 pupils, is crowded into the teachers' room, a place totally unfit for any class of children. The Kindergarten, formerly occupying one of the rooms, has been provided for in another building.

This school building (the Quincy-street) is located in the midst of a rapidly growing district. The new Gibson, just beyond Grove Hall, is already overflowing, and has three Grammar classes in outside buildings. There is no doubt whatever that a new Grammar School-house must soon be built in the neighborhood of Grove Hall. A building so situated would relieve both the Lewis and the Christopher Gibson Grammar Schools. The Quincy-street School is already a large school in itself, and it will inevitably be much larger, in the near future, if suitable rooms can be found for the children. It needs a strong person at its head, both because of the present demands of the school, and because those demands must soon increase.

With regard to that part of the order relating to a uniform method of providing additional sub-masters in growing school districts, the Board has given this matter the earnest consideration its importance demands. Owing to the varied conditions of the different school districts of the city it appears to the Board inexpedient to establish a general rule in regard to this matter which would of necessity work injustice in many cases. The Board therefore recommends that in its opinion as individual needs arise they should receive the special attention and legislation deemed necessary by the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Chairman Board of Supervisors.

Placed on file.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

East Boston High School. — Ruth B. Whittemore, teacher of physical culture, Nov. 1, 1897. Resignation of teachers.

Cudworth Kindergarten. — Anita F. Weston, assistant, Oct. 18, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Agassiz District. — Eleanor F. Somerby, from Oct. 12, 1897. Special assistants.

Bowditch District. — Annie FitzGerald, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Christopher Gibson District. — Elizabeth G. Crotty, from Sept. 7, 1897, to Sept. 15, 1897, inclusive.

Dearborn District. — Amanda C. Ellison, from Sept. 27, 1897; Mary G. Hudson, from Oct. 4, 1897.

Eliot District. — Mary E. Hughes, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Longfellow District. — Lydia W. Jones, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Washington Allston District. — F. Mabel Sykes, from Oct. 12, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Centre-street School. — R. Genevieve McMorrow, from Oct. 11, 1897.

Cudworth School. — Charlena D. Hoyt, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Tappan School. — Katharine L. Roche, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Tyler-street School. — Mabel A. Jenkins, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, junior-master, from Sept. 13, 1897.

Bigelow District. — Margaret E. Roche, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 25, 1897.

Eliot District. — Viola M. Allen, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 18, 1897.

George Putnam District. — Winifred S. Sanborn, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 15, 1897.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret H. Manning, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Lewis District. — Ella J. Costello, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897, to Sept. 15, 1897, inclusive.

Wells District. — Ellen A. Dillingham, Lilian G. Farmer, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 10, 1897.

Cook Kindergarten. — Isabella F. Wallace, assistant, from Sept. 14, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — M. Eloise Talbot, teacher of physical training and reading, from Oct. 25, 1897.

George Putnam District. — Thalia Goddard, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary A. Fruean, Agatha P. Razoux, assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Lowell District. — Ellen Carver, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 27, 1897.

Lowell District — Marcella-street Home. — Annie Dooley, assistant, Grammar School; Katharine J. Keefe, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year; Susan H. Nugent, Mary V. Prendergast, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School, from Oct. 27, 1897.

Phillips District. — Annie G. Scollard, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 4, 1897.

Prince District. — Eva G. Reed, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 15, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Annie R. Mohan, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Wells District. — Mabel M. Anderson, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Kindergartens.

7 Byron Court. — Anita F. Weston, principal, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Everett School. — Sadie N. Stall, assistant, from Oct. 15, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brighton High School. — Elvira B. Smith, assistant.

Bennett District. — James H. Burdett, sub-master.

Charles Sumner District. — Maude C. Hartnett, assistant, Primary School.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Gertrude Dudley, assistant, Grammar School.

Dearborn District. — Abbie E. Flagg, assistant, Grammar School.

Eliot District. — Helen G. Shannon, assistant, Grammar School.

Harris District. — Anna E. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School.

Mather District. — Eva C. Fairbrother, assistant, Grammar School.

Roger Clap District. — Murray H. Ballou, submaster; Nellie J. Breed, first assistant, Grammar School: Williamina Birse, Sarah T. Driscoll, Josephine A. Martin, assistants, Grammar School; M. Alice Sullivan, assistant, Primary School.

Assistant to the Director of Drawing. — Henry Hitchings.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Helen E. Chandler, Jennie A. Owens, assistants, Grammar School, on probation, to the same positions, on probation, in the Longfellow District, to date from Sept. 1, 1897. Rebekah C. Riley, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Longfellow District, to date from Sept. 1, 1897. Winifred Williams, assistant, Primary School, to the same position in the Longfellow District, to date from Sept. 1, 1897.

7 Byron Court. — Katharine H. Perry, assistant, to the same position in the Thetford-street Kindergarten, to date from Nov. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants, Fred A. Fernald, from Sept. 27, 1897; Albert S. Hanna, Sumner R. Hooper, Joseph Kirwen, Norris H. Laughton, from Oct. 4, 1897. *Instructor in Penmanship.* —

Frank B. Davis, from Oct. 11, 1897. *Instructors in Phonography.* — Thomas MacBriar, from Oct. 8, 1897; William F. Murray, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Bigelow School. — Assistants, Annie E. McWilliams, from Sept. 27, 1897; Mary A. Rourke, from Oct. 4, 1897; Susan H. Nugent, from Oct. 8, 1897.

Comins School. — Assistants, Mary M. Hoye, from Oct. 4, 1897; Annie FitzGerald, from Oct. 11, 1897.

Franklin School. — Assistants, Jane M. O'Brien, from Oct. 11, 1897; Marian A. McIntyre, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Lincoln School. — First assistant, Menzo Burlingame, from Oct. 4, 1897.

Lyman School. — Assistant, Albert M. Lyon, from Oct. 6, 1897.

Quincy School. — First assistant, Edwin H. Watson, from Oct. 18, 1897. Assistants, Marie F. Hill, from Oct. 14, 1897; Howard G. Kingman, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Warren School. — Assistant, Thomas F. Chrostwaite, from Oct. 4, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistants, Herbert W. Adams, Anna K. Blaisdell, Annie E. Blake, James Brough, Florence Cleaves, John L. Frisbee, Vesper L. George, William L. Judkins, Alexander Miller, Adelaide C. Palmer, Henry W. Poor, George F. Sibley, William L. Skinner, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence, substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

George Putnam District. — Ellen E. Leach, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Jan. 7, 1898; Edith E. Knowlton, substitute.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah W. Loker, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1897, until Dec. 1, 1897; Frances M. Campbell, substitute.

Norcross District. — Emma F. Gallagher, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 1, 1897, until Feb. 1, 1898; Agnes J. Hallahan, substitute.

Bailey-street Kindergarten. — Mary B. Pope, assistant, from Sept. 15, 1897, until Dec. 1, 1897; Hattie Browne, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional Primary accommodations in Lowell District. [See p. 106.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — March 23 — an order that additional Primary accommodations be provided immediately in the Lowell District, reported that the matter has been attended to, and no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; investigation of school-yards in Robert G. Shaw District. [See p. 295.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — an order requesting them to investigate the condition of the school-house yards in the Robert G. Shaw District, and give them such attention as may be required, reported that they have attended to some minor repairs for the improvement of said yards, but the condition of the appropriation does not warrant the expenditure of the amount necessary to properly grade and complete the work. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action be taken at the present time, by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; naming of new Grammar School-house in Harris District in honor of Mary Hemenway. [See p. 39.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 26 — an order that the new Grammar School-house in the Harris District be named the Mary Hemenway School, reported that in their opinion the name suggested is a fitting one, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new school-house on Adams and King streets, Dorchester, be named the Mary Hemenway School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of George F. Hatch. [See p. 320.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order that George F. Hatch, assistant instructor in Manual Training Schools, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, reported that on Sept. 1, 1896, Mr. Hatch resigned from the same position in the service for the purpose of pursuing his studies and increasing his efficiency as a teacher. At that time he was receiving a salary of $900 per annum, and should he now be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, he would receive the same salary that he was formerly paid. Under these circumstances your committee do not consider it just that Mr. Hatch should suffer any loss in salary, and therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That George F. Hatch, assistant instructor in Manual Training Schools, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Ruth B. Whittemore.

Ordered, That the salary of Ruth B. Whittemore, teacher of physical culture in the Girls' Latin School,

be fixed at the rate of nine hundred dollars ($900), to date from Nov. 1, 1897, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary of M. Eloise Talbot, teacher of physical training and reading in the Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools, be fixed at the rate of nine hundred dollars ($900) per annum, to date from Oct. 25, 1897, until otherwise ordered.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Caspar Isham. [See p. 293.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — an order that Caspar Isham, sub-master in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, reported that your committee have considered the matter referred, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Caspar Isham, sub-master in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from Oct. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Eleanor J. O'Brien. [See p. 319.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order that the salary of Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physical training in the Brighton High School, be fixed at the rate of $700 per annum, reported that they have informed themselves as to the hours of service and duties of Miss O'Brien, and are of the opinion that the salary suggested is a proper and reasonable one to be paid for this position. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the salary of Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physical training in the Brighton High School, be fixed at the rate of seven hundred dollars ($700) per annum, to date from Oct. 1, 1897, until otherwise ordered.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order that J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor in Manual Training Schools, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Sept. 20, 1897, reported that Mr. Trybom has until recently been exclusively employed in the Horace Mann School, where but a portion of his time was occupied. Additional duties have lately been imposed upon him, and he is now on the same footing as other instructors holding a similar position. Had this been the case from the time of his appointment in the Horace Mann School Mr. Trybom would be receiving the maximum salary of his rank, and now that the disparity as to hours of employment is removed, your committee feel that he is justly entitled to the salary asked for. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of J. Herman Trybom. [See p. 320.]

Ordered, That J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor in Manual Training Schools, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Sept. 20, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Liebmann, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Susan L. Mara the sum of thirty-two dollars ($32) for extra services performed in the Sherwin School during the time that school was without a sub-master to which it was entitled.

Payment to Susan L. Mara.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement:

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON STREET, Oct. 26, 1897.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriation and credits allowed, and the expenditures incurred from Jan. 1 to Nov. 1, 1897, the same being the ten months' payments of the present financial year, exclusive of repairs and new school buildings.

Items of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1897–98.	November Draft.	Expenditures, 10 mo. 1897–98.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors,	$2,141,839 73	$159,138 48	$1,482,658 68	$273,523 35
Salaries, Officers . .		5,846 32	57,585 99	
Salaries, Janitors . .		11,981 02	115,561 93	
Fuel, Gas, and Water		2,529 92	92,655 51	
Supplies and Incidental Expenses .		9,194 57	119,854 27	
	$2,141,839 73	$188,690 31	$1,868,316 38	

As compared with the corresponding time last year:

Salaries of instructors, increased	$126,387 98
Salaries of officers, increased	2,710 54
Salaries of janitors, increased	6,714 96
Fuel, gas, and water, increased	13,428 32
Supplies and incidentals, increased	1,447 27
Increase, for ten months	$150,689 07

If the expenses for the next two months increase in the same ratio as for the past ten months the expenses for the year will amount to	$2,257,013 05
An excess over appropriation granted and credits allowed of	115,173 32
An excess over estimates submitted and credits allowed of	5,173 32

It is hoped, however, that the committee will be able to keep the expenses within their estimates.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WILLARD S. ALLEN,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; communication from City Council; employment of additional force of men to keep school-yards free from snow and ice. [See p. 297.]

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order from the City Council requesting that the School Committee consider the expediency of employing an additional force of men to keep the school-yards free from snow and ice, thereby relieving the janitors from such duty, reported that they have considered the matter and beg leave to submit the following report:

It is not the duty of the janitors to remove snow and ice from the school-house yards, but only to make paths leading to the several entrances and to the out-buildings, leaving the snow piled in a manner most convenient for its removal. When in the opinion of the principal of the school it is necessary for the comfort or health of the pupils to remove the snow from the yards wholly or in part, and he so requests, extra men are employed to do the work.

This committee are of the opinion that the present arrangement is working satisfactorily, and taking also into consideration the limited appropriation granted the School Committee, they recommend that no change in the present methods be made.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Death of Elizabeth F. Cotter.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of Elizabeth F. Cotter, late assistant, Grammar School, in the Warren District.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to rank of instructors in Mechanic

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 26 — an order recommending that section 114 of the Rules be amended by adding the word "assistants" after the word "junior-masters," in the second line, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and recommend that it

Arts High School. [See p. 247.]

is inexpedient at the present time to amend the Rules as suggested in the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations; vacation in Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 321.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order that the Regulations be amended so as to provide that the two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation for the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that they have given the proposed amendment careful consideration, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 346. Add the following to the section: "The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 83. Substitute for the words "Director of Physical Training," in the tenth line, the words "Master of Evening Drawing Schools." Insert after the word "vote," in the thirteenth line, the words: "The Instructor of Military Drill and the Director of Physical Training shall be elected in the same manner, a two-thirds vote of the committee present and voting being necessary for a choice."

SECTION 106. Substitute for the words "lowest class," in the third line, the words "first grade."

SECTION 113. Substitute for the word "assistant," in the first line, the words "assistants, the Master of Evening Drawing Schools."

SECTION 173. Insert after the word "graduating," in the fifth line, the words "grades and." Substitute for the words "graduating class," in the eleventh and twelfth lines, the words "ninth grade."

SECTION 174. Substitute for the words "first classes in the Primary Schools," in the fourth line, the words "third grades."

SECTION 175. Insert after the word "each," in the third line, the words "grade and."

SECTION 255. Strike out all following the word "after," in the eighth line, to and including the word "September," in the tenth line, and substitute therefor the words "October 31 or March 31."

SECTION 256. Substitute for the words "first Wednesday," in the second line, the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 371. Substitute for the word "classes," in the third line, the word "grades."

SECTION 372. Substitute for the words "third class," in the eighth line, the words "seventh grade."

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to the appointment and transfer of instructors. [See p. 292.]

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred— Sept. 28 — an order that the Rules be amended so that the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors shall no longer be required before the election, appointment, or transfer of any director, principal, or subordinate instructor, report that the matter has received very careful and earnest consideration. Before submitting the conclusion they have arrived at, your committee desire to present a brief review of the history of this important subject.

On June 30, 1896, an order was presented to the Board, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations of that year, that the rules be amended to provide that no principal and none of the directors mentioned in section 83 shall be nominated to the Board except in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintend-

ent, and no subordinate instructor shall be nominated except in accordance with a recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, approved by the Superintendent. Previous to any report being made thereon, the following order was passed by the Board on Oct. 13, 1896:

"*Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations report such changes in the regulations as will provide that no teacher shall be nominated on probation in the day schools until a written report on the qualifications of such teacher shall have been obtained from the Board of Supervisors and the Superintendent."

It will be noted that this amendment providing that no instructor should be nominated except in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, approved by the Superintendent, practically vested absolute power in making nominations in the Board of Supervisors, a change far more radical than the one subsequently adopted.

It is evident that no hasty or ill-considered action was taken with regard to this matter, for it was not until Nov. 24, 1896, that an amendment carrying the proposed changes into effect took its first reading in the Board. On Dec. 8, 1896, the order took its second reading, but was laid on the table, where it remained until the end of the year, and thus perished.

On April 30, 1897, the attention of your committee was again called to this subject, and they were asked to consider the advisability of recommending to the Board the change in the rules with regard to the nomination of teachers which is now in effect. Your committee referred this proposition to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration and report. On May 17 the Board of Supervisors submitted a report, to which a later reference will be made, and at a meeting of this committee, held June 2, at which all the members were present, it was voted to recommend the adoption of the new system with regard to nominations.

On June 8 an order prepared by your committee was presented to the Board, accompanied by the statement that the change in the rules which it was designed to carry into effect was probably one of the most important that had been made for some years, and should receive special consideration before being adopted. At the meeting of the Board held June 22, the order came up for its second reading, was laid on the table, and it was not until June 26 that it was finally passed by a *viva voce* vote, no member speaking in opposition to the change. It is therefore evident that this change has not been hastily made, and that each member of the Board has had ample opportunity to become fully acquainted with its object and probable effect, as more than a year has elapsed since it was first suggested.

There appears to be some misconception with regard to the position of the Board of Supervisors in this matter, which justice to them requires should be removed. Your committee expressly requested them to consider and report upon this subject, and their position may therefore be best understood by quoting their report, as follows:

"IN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
"Monday, May 17, 1897.

"*To the Committee on Rules and Regulations:*

"The following motion has been maturely considered by the Board of Supervisors:

"'*Motion:* That the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that before the appointment of any director, principal, or instructor, the Board of Supervisors shall recommend a candidate, in writing, to the committee in charge, and such recommendation shall in all cases, whether adopted by the committee or not, be submitted to the Board, together with the nomination. All propositions for the transfer of instructors from one district to another, or from one rank to another, shall, when submitted to the Board, be accompanied by a report thereon by the Board of Supervisors;' and the following report thereon is respectfully submitted:

"REPORT.

"The one great purpose for which the Board of Supervisors exists is that the schools may at all times be provided with none but the best teachers obtainable. To the attainment of this purpose two things are necessary. First, able and honest supervisory officials, and secondly, rules clothing these officials with a power commensurate with their responsibility.

"The appointment of inferior teachers is popularly held to result from inefficient supervision. Responsibility for appointments, especially of inferior appointments, is a responsibility which superintendent and supervisors cannot escape in the public estimation, however powerless these officials may be under the rules which govern their action. Personal efficiency and competent expert knowledge in the supervisory officials are not enough to secure the best appointments, unless the rules are framed in accordance with sound principles of administration. Among these is the important and well-recognized principle that responsibility, to be real and effectual, must be accompanied with power. It is utterly vain to hold an official responsible for bad appointments if that official has no power to prevent them. It is folly to expect the ablest supervision to banish inferior teaching from the schools if that supervision

be not clothed with power to secure the appointment of superior teachers.

"The importance of coupling power with responsibility in school supervision has been recognized more fully elsewhere than it has yet been recognized in Boston. It is true that, in this city, the examination and certification of all candidates for appointment has been, for many years, a function of the Board of Supervisors, and it is a highly important function; but beyond the exercise of this function the power of supervision in relation to appointments does not now extend. Incidentally, a superintendent or a supervisor may take advantage of an opportunity to suggest, or to influence, an appointment; but such opportunities occur neither regularly nor frequently. There is no provision in the Rules and Regulations whereby the best candidates on the eligible list are regularly chosen to fill vacancies as they occur. In the ordinary practice, all candidates on the list, however widely they differ in kind and degree of fitness, are given an equal standing before the appointing power.

"Furthermore, in the matter of promoting teachers, it may be doubted seriously whether the schools are reaping the full benefit that might accrue from a thorough application of the principle that promotions of teachers should take place for meritorious service only.

"The exercise of a proper discrimination, both in the matter of promotions in the service and in the matter of appointments from the eligible list, requires an intimate, special, and expert knowledge which is usually in the possession of the Board of Supervisors only. It would seem, therefore, to be the part of wisdom for the School Committee to require the Board of Supervisors to perform at least the function of recommending suitable candidates for positions in the schools, and of passing judgment, favorable or unfavorable, upon the candidates recommended by others. In this way the School Board would always have placed before it for consideration recommendations based on the best and fullest knowledge obtainable in regard to candidates' fitness for each appointment or promotion.

"The Board of Supervisors fully appreciates the responsibility which would be placed upon it by the adoption of the proposed amendment; but it sees no less clearly the great benefit that would result to the schools from making none but the fittest appointments; and it believes its members to be in the best position to know intimately the qualifications of all candidates for appointments or promotions in the schools of the city.

"As a matter of public duty, therefore, the Board of Supervisors

holds itself ready to accept whatever new responsibilities, coupled with power, the School Committee may see fit to impose.

"Respectfully submitted,

"EDWIN P. SEAVER,

"*Chairman Board of Supervisors.*"

It thus clearly appears that the Board of Supervisors have in this matter taken no part beyond that required of them by the Rules and Regulations — neither the praise nor the blame, whichever it may be, for the change belongs to them.

It seems to your committee that an amendment of this character, made after so much deliberation and discussion, involving no inconsiderable amount of administrative adaptation before its real working can be fully ascertained, should not be repealed until it has had fair trial. We do not think that it has yet had fair trial. Now that the new system is in operation, its working should be determined by actual experiment, and not by *a priori* reasoning. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed for such determination.

No objections to the method of nominating teachers now in force under the amended rules have been called to the attention of your committee by members appearing before it, that were not raised and fully considered in the deliberations of your committee, before they reported the amendment expedient. But at that time, on full consideration of all these objections, it seemed to your committee that the change proposed was in the direction of a more efficient and responsible administration of our schools; that it had a tendency to make the Board of Supervisors in reality the Advisory Board of the School Committee, as provided in section 171 of the Rules and Regulations; that while reserving to the School Board itself the power of final determination of all questions in this connection, it did provide for bringing before the Board to assist it in its determination the mature and deliberate recommendations of the expert executive officers of the Board. Your committee are aware of no practical difficulties in the administration of the amended rules which were overlooked in their former consideration.

For these reasons and for many others that might be adduced, your committee report that it is inexpedient at the present time to repeal the amendment so recently adopted.

Mr. McDonald moved that the following order, offered by him at the meeting of the Board held September 28, be substituted for the above report:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 81. Strike out all after the word "Nominations," in the seventh line, to and including the words "Board of Supervisors," in the nineteenth line.

SECTION 84. Strike out the words "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "conferring with the principals."

SECTION 90. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth and fifth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors."

Strike out in the second paragraph all after the word "election," in the sixth line.

SECTION 91. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the second, third, and fourth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "in consultation with the principal."

Yeas and nays. On motion of Mr. McDonald, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

Mr. McDonald's motion to substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Calderwood, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 11.

Nays: Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, and Lowell — 12.

Absent or not voting. — Mr. Davison.

Yeas and nays. Mr. Gallivan doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were again ordered.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Calderwood, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 11.

Nays: Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Coolidge, Courtney, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, and Lowell — 11.

Absent or not voting. — Messrs. Bowdlear and Davison.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on High Schools; instruction in military drill in Boys' Latin School. [See p. 273.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred — Sept. 14 — an order that military drill be retained in the course of study for the first class in the Boys' Latin School, reported that as the discontinuance of instruction in military drill for this class is not under consideration by your committee, they recommend that no further action by the Board be taken.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Petition of Mrs. Wheeler *et als.*; establishment of Evening School for deaf-mutes.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Mrs. Wheeler and forty-five others, asking for the establishment of an Evening School in some convenient locality for the benefit of deaf-mutes.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Postponement of repairs in public schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to postpone such contemplated repairs in the public schools which will necessitate a suspension of school work, or otherwise seriously interfere with said school work.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the order was amended by adding the words "unless these repairs shall be absolutely necessary."

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk of the Evening High School be at the rate of four dollars ($4) per evening, to date from Sept. 27, 1897, the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Paul, it was

Sanitary condition of Bailey-street School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to inquire into the sanitary condition of the Bailey-street School-house.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Classes established in Marcella-street Home to be ungraded. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That the classes established in the Marcella-street Home be ungraded, one teacher being allowed for every thirty-five pupils or majority fraction thereof.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Connecting of schools in Roslindale and West Roxbury by telephone.

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant Officers be requested to consider the feasibility of connecting the various schools in the Roslindale and West Roxbury Districts by telephone.

Referred to the Joint Committee on the Eighth Division and Truant Officers.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 9, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Calderwood.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Aldermen; conveyance of land on Stanley street to Street Department.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Nov. 3, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Board of Aldermen at the earliest possible date under what conditions and for what compensation they will convey to the Street Department of the City of Boston land on Stanley street, Ward 20, for the purpose of widening said street to a uniform width.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for portion of Reservoir lot taken for school purposes. [See p. 251.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Nov. 1, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have this day agreed with the Water Commissioner of the City of Boston upon the sum of $15,877.86, as payment for the portion of the Reservoir estate on Thomas park and G street, at South Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Sept. 14, 1897 (taking recorded same day).

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land on Athelwold street, Dorchester, to enlarge lot of old Gibson School-house. [See p. 121.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, Nov. 9, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of April 13, 1897, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school purposes seventy-two hundred and twenty-three square feet, more or less, of land on Athelwold street, at Dorchester, and their decree of such taking has also been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken for school purposes on Poplar street.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Oct. 28, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to-day voted as follows:

Voted, That the vote of this Board of Sept. 17, 1896, "That the Board agrees with Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith, upon the sum of eleven thousand dollars, as payment for the estate of said Smith numbered 10 Poplar street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon there being given to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department," be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Voted, That the Board agrees with Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith, and Joseph and Simon Rudnick, upon the sum of eleven thousand four hundred forty-seven and $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars, as payment for the estate of said Smith and Rudnicks numbered 10 Poplar street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon there being given to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

The accompanying copy of a letter from the Corporation Counsel, approved by the Mayor, is sent in explanation of the foregoing votes.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

(COPY.)

LAW DEPARTMENT, CITY OF BOSTON, Oct. 27, 1897.

Board of Street Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: On Sept. 17, 1896, your Board voted to pay Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith, the sum of eleven thousand dollars, as payment for an estate taken for the Chambers-street school building, which was supposed to belong to said Smith, and numbered 10 Poplar street. This property was taken on May 22, 1896. Subsequent to the date of this vote, Joseph and Simon Rudnick claimed that the payment for the estate was theirs under an agreement of Smith to sell to them, made prior to the taking, and applied for an injunction to restrain the city from paying over any money for this estate of Smith until their claim should be heard. Considering this litigation and the fact that the court determined as against Smith that the Rudnicks are entitled to the payment, Mr. Hudson, with my approval, and subject to your final determination, has made arrangements with all the parties claiming the damages to take eleven thousand dollars, and interest at three per cent. from the date of the taking, to wit: May 22, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897, in full settlement of their claim for this estate. If the above arrangement is approved by you, I recommend that you rescind the vote of Sept. 17, 1896, and award Elmer F. Hudson, executor, and Joseph and Simon Rudnick, as parties claiming title, the sum of $11,447.33, which is the original sum voted, with interest as above stated.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

Approved.
JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 346. Add the following to the section: "The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation."

Amendment of Regulations; vacation in Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 321, 338.]

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 83. Substitute for the words "Director of Physical Training," in the tenth line, the words "Master of Evening Drawing Schools." Insert after the word "vote," in the thirteenth line, the words: "The Instructor of Military Drill and the Director of

Amendment of Rules and Regulations. [See pp. 338, 339.]

Physical Training shall be elected in the same manner, a two-thirds vote of the committee present and voting being necessary for a choice."

SECTION 106. Substitute for the words "lowest class," in the third line, the words "first grade."

SECTION 113. Substitute for the word "assistant," in the first line, the words "assistants, the Master of Evening Drawing Schools."

SECTION 173. Insert after the word "graduating," in the fifth line, the words "grades and." Substitute for the words "graduating class," in the eleventh and twelfth lines, the words "ninth grade."

SECTION 174. Substitute for the words "first classes in the Primary Schools," in the fourth line, the words "third grades."

SECTION 175. Insert after the word "each," in the third line, the words "grade and."

SECTION 255. Strike out all following the word "after," in the eighth line, to and including the word "September," in the tenth line, and substitute therefor the words "October 31 or March 31."

SECTION 256. Substitute for the words "first Wednesday," in the second line, the words "Tuesday following the first Monday."

SECTION 371. Substitute for the word "classes," in the third line, the word "grades."

SECTION 372. Substitute for the words "third class," in the eighth line, the words "seventh grade."

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Ruth B. Whittemore, special teacher of vocal and physical culture, Nov. 1, 1897.

Roxbury High School. — Ervinia Thompson, assistant, Dec. 1, 1897; Lyman G. Smith, laboratory assistant, Nov. 1, 1897.

Harris District. — Jane T. Cook, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 1, 1897.

Warren District. — Elizabeth Swords, first assistant, Grammar School, Abbie M. Mott, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1897.

Winthrop District. — Katherine K. Marlow, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 26, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Maria W. Howard, instructor, Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Agassiz District. — Margaret M. Burton, from Oct. 27, 1897.

Everett District. — Grace C. Boyden, from Oct. 4, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Georgie F. Drake, from Oct. 20, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Chapman District. — Lilian G. Farmer, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 11, 1897.

Charles Sumner District. — Catharine M. Lynch, assistant, Primary School, from Sept 7, 1897.

Emerson District. — Mary E. O'Hare, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 10, 1897.

Lyman District. — Elizabeth C. Quirk, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 3, 1897.

Warren District. — Agnes M. Turnbull, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 21, 1897; Mabel B. LeFavor, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1897; Ellen M. O'Connor, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 10, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dorchester High School. — Katherine K. Marlow, assistant, from Oct. 26, 1897.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — Ruth B. Whittemore, special teacher of physical training, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Roxbury High School. — Lyman G. Smith, junior-master, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Agassiz District. — May E. Ward, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Bigelow District. — Ellen Coe, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Harris District. — Fanny L. Short, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Mather District. — Bessie McBride, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 26, 1897; Viola S. Churchill, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Warren District. — Abbie M. Mott, first assistant, Grammar School, Angelia M. Courtney, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Winthrop District. — Jane M. O'Brien, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 26, 1897.

Instructor in Sewing. — Margaret T. McCormick, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Abby M. Thompson, assistant.

Roxbury High School. — Irving H. Upton, junior-master; Maud G. Leadbetter, assistant; Lyman G. Smith, laboratory assistant.

Adams District. — Ellen M. Robbins, first assistant, Primary School.

Bigelow District. — Evelyn M. Howe, assistant, Grammar School.

Bunker Hill District. — Josephine F. Hannon, assistant, Grammar School; Elizabeth B. Norton, first assistant, Primary School.

Chapman District. — Florence K. Glover, assistant, Grammar School; Marietta Duncan, first assistant, Primary School.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Brown, first assistant, Primary School.

Dearborn District. — Mary A. P. Cross, first assistant, Primary School.

Dillaway District. — Anna M. Balch, Mary L. Shepard, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Edward Everett District. — Florence N. Sloane, first assistant, Primary School.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Plummer, first assistant, Primary School.

Frothingham District. — Fanny M. Lamson, first assistant, Primary School.

Gaston District. — Ella R. Johnson, first assistant, Primary School.

Harvard District. — Frances A. Foster, Agnes A. Herlihy, first assistants, Primary Schools.

John A. Andrew District. — Olga A. S. Stegelmann, Anna M. Suhl, assistants, Grammar School.

Lawrence District. — Margaret J. Schenck, assistant, Grammar School.

Lewis District. — Almira B. Russell, first assistant, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Helen Harvie, assistant, Grammar school.

Mather District. — Clara A. Jordan, first assistant, Primary School.

Norcross District. — Eleanor J. Cashman, Ann E. Newell, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Franklin, first assistant, Primary School.

Quincy District. — Annie F. Merriam, first assistant, Primary School.

Shurtleff District. — Lucy A. Dunham, first assistant, Primary School.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Mary E. Powell, first assistant, Primary School.

Winthrop District. — Mary E. Noonan, first assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Tappan School. — Mariannie H. Simmons, principal; Helen M. Paine, assistant.

Union-street School. — Margaret T. McCabe, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Comins School. — Assistants, Elizabeth R. Brady, from Oct. 5, 1897; Martha F. Titus, from Oct. 14, 1897.

Franklin School. — Assistants, S. Louise Regal, from Oct. 22, 1897; Grace L. Putnam, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Mather School. — Assistant, Florence G. Willis, from Oct. 19, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Assistant in Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistant. — Alberta A. Cutler, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence; substitutes approved.

Dudley District. — L. Adelaide Colligan, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 30, 1897, until Nov. 29, 1897; Josephine Hammond, substitute.

Everett District. — Mary H. Downe, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 23, 1897, until Jan. 3, 1898; Sarah E. Crocker, substitute.

George Putnam District. — Orphise A. Morand, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Jan. 7, 1898; E. Florence Fisher, substitute.

Minot District. — Mary E. Glidden, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1897, until Feb. 1, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Florence Harlow, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Nov. 1, 1897; Jessie A. Burr, substitute. Lura M. Power, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1897, until Nov. 1, 1897; Annie C. O'Reilly, substitute.

Warren District. — Fannie L. Osgood, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 9, 1897, until Jan. 9, 1898; Josephine E. Clark, substitute.

Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten. — Frieda M. Bethmann, principal, from Nov. 1, 1897, until Jan. 1, 1898; Bessie H. Stark, substitute.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, who were requested — Oct. 26 — to inquire into the sanitary condition of the Bailey-street School-house, reported that your committee have carefully investigated the matter, and find that this school-house is in good sanitary condition. Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary condition of Bailey-street School-house. [See p. 346.]

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; selection of architect for South Boston High School-house. [See p. 193.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order requesting them to report on the selection of an architect for a new High School building in South Boston at as early a date as possible, reported that they have considered the matter, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Herbert D. Hale, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new South Boston High School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; heating of hall of Roger Clap School-house. [See p. 296.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — an order requesting them to provide at once additional means for heating the hall of the Roger Clap School-house, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of Bailey-street School-house lot, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the lot of the Bailey-street School-house, Dorchester, a parcel of land adjoining said lot, belonging to the Mary R. Cleaves estate, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: southwesterly by land now or formerly of James Reid, about one hundred and forty-five feet; northwesterly by Bailey street about sixty-eight feet; northeasterly by land of the city of Boston, about one hundred forty-seven feet; southeasterly by land now or formerly of Albert T. Sinclair and Michael Walsh, about sixty-eight feet; containing twelve thousand square feet, more or less.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order requesting them to equip

a school kitchen in the Charles Sumner School-house, reported that they have attended to the matter and that no further action by the Board is necessary.

equipment of school kitchen in Charles Sumner School-house. [See p. 320.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Mayhew School-house, furnishing . .	$10,000 00
Robinson-street School-house, furnishing,	7,000 00
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, furnishing	12,000 00

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of portion of Reservoir lot for school purposes. [See p. 347.]

Ordered, That there be paid to the city of Boston, for land in charge of the Water Department of said city, being part of the Reservoir lot on Thomas park and G street, South Boston, taken for school purposes, the sum of fifteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven and $\frac{86}{100}$ dollars ($15,877.86).

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Order purchasing land on Poplar street rescinded. [See pp. 348, 349.]

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Sept. 22, 1896 — that there be paid to Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith, the sum of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000) as payment for the estate 10 Poplar street, taken from said Smith for school purposes, May 22, 1896 (and recorded same day), upon the giving to the city of a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Poplar street. [See pp. 348, 349.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith, and Joseph and Simon Rudnick, the sum of eleven thousand four hundred forty-seven and $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars ($11,447.33) as payment for the estate of said Smith and Rudnicks numbered 10 Poplar street, taken for school purposes May 22, 1896 (and recorded same day), upon the giving to the city of a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for site for East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in East Boston, bounded and described as follows: Southwesterly by Putnam street, one hundred and twenty-three feet; northwesterly by Princeton street, two hundred feet; northeasterly by land supposed to belong to Joseph A. Wood and heirs of Sarah Downing, one hundred feet; northwest by land supposed to belong to heirs of Sarah Downing, four feet; northeast by land supposed to belong to heirs of William Connor, twenty-three feet; southeast through and over land supposed to belong to Frederick R. and Abbie M. Sweeney, Mary A. Sweeney, Arthur McArthur, Samuel G. Kinney, and by land of Albert F. Low and Martha Morley, two hundred and four feet; containing twenty-four thousand six hundred and ninety-two square feet, more or less, and supposed to belong to Albert F. Low, Daniel Wheeler, Samuel Clapp, Frederick and Abbie M. Sweeney, Mary A. Sweeney, Arthur McArthur, and Samuel G. Kinney.

Mr. Strange presented the following minority report signed by Messrs. Dunn and Strange:

Minority report.

The minority of the Committee on School Houses dissent from the conclusion of the majority with regard to the selection of a site for the new East Boston High School. They are satisfied that the citizens of East Boston are strongly in favor of the "Marion-street site," so called, and they believe that the reasons for favoring the selection of this site are well founded. They would recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in East Boston, bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by Saratoga street, about one hundred twenty-five feet; southwesterly by land now or formerly of Tileston C. Power, Alexander F. Green, and Central Associates, about two hundred feet; northwesterly by Princeton street, about one hundred twenty-five feet; and northeasterly by Marion street, about two hundred feet; containing about twenty-five thousand square feet. Supposed to belong to Charles U. Cotting *et al.*, trustees, James W. Nickerson, Sabia Kenney, and B. Belyea heirs.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange moved that the order appended to the minority report be substituted for the order offered by the majority of the Committee on School Houses.

Petition of John H. Sullivan *et als.* relative to site for East Boston High School-house.

Mr. Allen presented a petition signed by John H. Sullivan and eighty-seven others, in favor of the selection of the "Marion-street site," and giving reasons in support of their request.

Placed on file.

Mr. Bateman moved that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Lost.

The Chair stated that the question was on the adoption of Mr. Strange's motion to substitute.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Strange's motion to substitute passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bowdlear, Davison, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, and Strange — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Bateman, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Lowell, and Paul — 6.

Absent. — Mr. Calderwood.

Mr. Strange moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby his motion to substitute was declared passed, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

The order appended to the report of the minority of the Committee on School Houses passed.

Mr. Allen moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was declared passed, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to the appointment and transfer of instructors. [See pp. 292, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343.]

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with regard to the amendment of the Rules and Regulations relative to the appointment, transfer, etc., of teachers, was taken from the table. (See pages 339–343.)

Mr. McDonald moved that the following order, offered by him at the meeting of the Board held September 28, be substituted for the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 81. Strike out all after the word "Nominations," in the seventh line, to and including the words "Board of Supervisors," in the nineteenth line.

SECTION 84. Strike out the words "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors,' in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "conferring with the principals."

SECTION 90. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth and fifth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors."

Strike out in the second paragraph all after the word "election," in the sixth line.

SECTION 91. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the second, third, and fourth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "in consultation with the principal."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. McDonald's motion to substitute. Yeas and nays.

Mr. McDonald's motion to substitute was passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Bowdlear, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 12.

Nays: Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Coolidge, Courtney, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, and Lowell — 11.

Absent. — Mr. Calderwood.

Mr. Gallivan moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby Mr. McDonald's motion to substitute was declared passed, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Subsequently, Mr. Paul moved the passage of the order offered by Mr. McDonald.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered. Yeas and nays.

The order was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 11.

Nays: Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, and Lowell — 12.

Absent. — Mr. Calderwood.

Mr. Lowell moved that the vote whereby the order was declared lost be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Lowell's motion to reconsider.

Mr. Lowell's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 11.

Nays: Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, and Lowell — 12.

Absent. — Mr. Calderwood.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Expenditure for examination of boilers in public schools.

Ordered, That the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies be requested to include in the annual estimates of expenditures a sum sufficient to provide for an examination of the boilers in the public schools; said examination to be made annually in the month of July.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Yard accommodations for Harvard Primary School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish yard accommodations for the Harvard Primary School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the new school-house on Adams and King streets, Dorchester, be named the Mary Hemenway School.

Naming of new Grammar School-house in Harris District in honor of Mary Hemenway. [See pp. 39, 333.]

The order passed, 21 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Joint Committee on Eighth Division and Truant Officers, to whom was referred — Oct. 26 — an order requesting them to consider the feasibility of connecting the various schools in the Roslindale and West Roxbury Districts by telephone, reported that in their opinion the suggestion made should be carried into effect. The schools in the districts named are so widely separated that it is impracticable for the local truant officer to promptly report upon the cases referred to him for investigation, and it has become necessary to afford him some relief either by the appointment of an additional officer, or by providing telephone service between the schools in the Charles Sumner, Longfellow, and Robert G. Shaw Districts. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Joint Committee on Eighth Division and Truant Officers; connecting of schools in Roslindale and West Roxbury by telephone. [See p. 346.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to have the various schools in the Roslindale and West Roxbury Districts connected by telephone.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to authorize the head-master of the Mechanic Arts High School to expend during the current school year, for incidentals and clerical service, a sum not exceeding two hundred twenty-five dollars ($225).

Expenditure for clerk-hire in Mechanic Arts High School.

Report of Committee on Manual Training; equipment of wood-working room in Phillips School-house. [See p. 53.]

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 9 — an order requesting that a room for wood-working be provided and equipped in the basement of the Phillips School-house, reported that they have given the matter consideration, and recommend that it is inexpedient to take action thereon at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Manual Training; placing of color work under direction of Committee on Drawing.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that color work be placed under the direction of the Committee on Drawing, reported that inasmuch as the course of study in drawing at present in use in the schools provides for the instruction in this subject, the adoption of said course by the Board practically placed the charge of color work under the direction of the Committee on Drawing, and your committee therefore recommend that no further action is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Manual Training; communication from Boston Branch of Association of Collegiate Alumnæ; manual training for girls. [See p. 100.]

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 23 — a communication from the Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of placing greater emphasis on manual training throughout the public school course, and of extending to girls the same opportunity now given to boys in the Mechanic Arts High School, by the establishment of a similar school for girls, reported that your committee have given the matter their careful consideration, and are in favor of extending to girls the same opportunity for instruction in manual training that is now given to boys, but the lack of accommodations available for such pur-

poses, and of sufficient funds to warrant the necessary expenditure during the current financial year, render it, in their opinion, inexpedient to take any definite action in this direction at the present time.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses request the Superintendent of Streets to complete the grading of the sidewalks and placing of edgestones in front of Lyceum Hall Building, Mather District, Dorchester.

Grading of sidewalks, etc., in front of Lyceum Hall.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the Joint Committee on Horace Mann School and School Houses, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — a communication from the Boston Parents' Association, asking permission to present to the Horace Mann School a bronze tablet, with an appropriate inscription, in memory of Francis Green, who first advocated the establishment of schools for the education of the deaf in this country, reported that your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Joint Committee on Horace Mann School and School Houses; communication from The Boston Parents' Education Association for Deaf Children; gift of tablet for Horace Mann School. [See p. 299.]

Ordered, That the offer of the Boston Parents' Association to present to the Horace Mann School a bronze tablet, suitably inscribed, in memory of Francis Green, be accepted, and the thanks of this Board extended to said Association for its generous gift.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That Charlotte B. Hall, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 1, 1897.

Salary of Charlotte B. Hall.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Susan L. Mara. [See p. 335.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 26 — an order that there be paid to Susan L. Mara the sum of thirty-two dollars ($32) for extra services performed in the Sherwin School during the time that school was without a sub-master to which it was entitled, reported that your committee have given the matter their attention, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Susan L. Mara the sum of thirty-two dollars ($32) for extra services performed in the Sherwin School during the time that school was without a sub-master to which it was entitled.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; compensation for assistants to Director of Drawing. [See p. 321.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — an order requesting them to fix the compensation of the two additional assistants to the Director of Drawing, reported that this committee have been informed by the Committee on Drawing that $1,500 per annum is the minimum rate at which it will be possible to fill these positions with persons of ability and experience, possessing the necessary qualifications for successfully performing the duties which it is proposed to require of them. With this understanding, it seems to your committee that they can only recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the salary of the two additional assistants to the Director of Drawing be fixed at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) per annum.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition of Mrs. Wheeler *et als.*; establishment of Evening

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — Oct. 26 — a petition signed by Mrs. Wheeler and forty-five others, asking for the establishment of an evening school for the benefit of deaf-mutes, reported that they have taken the matter

under consideration, and have granted a hearing to the petitioners in accordance with their request. They are informed, however, that it is proposed to establish evening classes for the benefit of deaf-mutes desiring such instruction, by an association interested in their welfare, without expense either to the School Committee or to those who may desire to avail themselves of such facilities. Your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

School for Deaf-mutes. [See p. 345.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Text-Books; supplementary reading.

The Committee on Text-Books, in their annual report presented to the Board in June, 1897, stated that the whole matter of supplementary reading was under consideration by the Board of Supervisors, and requested leave to report later upon this subject, and possibly to recommend a general rearrangement of the books authorized for such use. The present list of supplementary reading has now been carefully revised by the Board of Supervisors who have recommended that certain books be dropped from and others added to the list, which they believe will result in strengthening the work in the schools. Your committee have given the books which it is proposed to authorize very careful examination, and recommend the adoption of those mentioned in the several orders appended to this report. It is perhaps unnecessary to state in detail the reasons governing the selection of these books, but the intention is to add to the somewhat limited supply available in certain directions new and valuable material, to the end that each Grammar School shall be furnished with a useful and well-balanced library, containing a judicious assortment of books, not only for general reading, but as collateral to the subjects of geography, history, and science.

Inasmuch as books for supplementary reading are mainly purchased from funds appropriated for this purpose by the School Committee, and apportioned among the several schools by the Committee on Supplies, it is recommended that the following plan for their arrangement and distribution be adopted:

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Books for supplementary reading in the Primary Schools are to be classified in three groups, corresponding to the three grades in these schools, but the classification is not to be considered a fixed assignment of certain books to certain grades, the principal of each district being at liberty to make such selection as seems to him most beneficial to the needs of his school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

In the Grammar Schools the books are to be placed under the following heads: General Reading, Geography, History, Music, Poetry, and Science, and further classified in three groups corresponding to Grades IV. and V., VI. and VII., and VIII. and IX., but this latter classification is to be considered as suggestive and not arbitrary, thus allowing, as in the Primary Schools, a wide freedom of choice to meet the varied requirements of the different schools.

HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

In these schools the books are to be classified in accordance with the plan adopted for text and reference books in the latest edition of the Authorized List (School Document No. 11, 1897).

Thus the selection of books from the Authorized List for all the schools, as well as the number to be furnished, will be left to the discretion of the principals, limited only by the purchasing power of the funds available for this purpose. The advantages of this plan lie in its simplicity, its adaptability to the needs of each school, and the latitude allowed the principals in the selection of books that will be most helpful to the pupils under their charge.

Your committee also desire to embrace this opportunity to recommend the adoption of several reference-books which have received consideration since their annual report was presented, as follows:

"Suggestions for Instruction in Color," by Louis Prang, Mary Dana Hicks, and John S. Clark, is now authorized as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools, one copy to be furnished each teacher of the subject of color. It is now recommended that a copy be furnished each teacher in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

It is also recommended that "The Prang Primary Course in Art Education," Parts I. and II., by Mary Dana Hicks and Josephine C. Lock, be added to the list of reference-books for Primary Schools, one copy of Part I. to be furnished each teacher of Grade I. and one copy of Part II. to be furnished each teacher of Grade II.

A recent publication entitled "The Ruins and Excavations of Ancient Rome," by Rudolfo Lanciani, is considered by the Board of

Supervisors to be a valuable reference-book for use in connection with the study of Roman history, and it is recommended that a copy be placed in each class-room in the High and Latin Schools where this subject is taught.

The committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the plan for furnishing supplementary reading contained in this report be and hereby is adopted.

2. *Ordered*, That Lodgmans' "Ship" Literary Readers, Nos. 2 and 3, published by Longmans, Green, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That Cyr's The Children's Third Reader, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That Pratt's Legends of the Red Children, published by the Werner School Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That Ford's Nature's Byways, published by The Morse Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

6. *Ordered*, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, by Sarah Louise Arnold and Charles B. Gilbert, published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

7. *Ordered*, That Morris's Historical Tales (American) and Morris's Historical Tales (English), published by J. B. Lippincott Company, be authorized as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

8. *Ordered*, That Longmans' New Historical Readers, No. 4, published by Longmans, Green, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That Four Great Americans, by James Baldwin, published by the Werner School Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That School Reading by Grades, Fourth Year, by James Baldwin, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That Stories and Poems for Children, by Celia Thaxter (Riverside School Library Series), published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That Child Life, Selections from the Collection by J. G. Whittier (Riverside Literature Series), published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That The Children's Hour and Other Poems, by Henry W. Longfellow (Riverside Literature Series), published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

14. *Ordered*, That Shakespeare's Julius Cæsar (Riverside Literature Series), published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That The Earth and its Story, by Angelo Heilprin, published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized as supplementary reading, to be used as collateral to the study of geography in the Grammar Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That What Mr. Darwin Saw in His Voyage around the World in the Ship Beagle be

dropped from the list of supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools (Group A).

17. *Ordered*, That Smiles's Robert Dick, Botanist and Geologist, be dropped from the list of supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools (Group A).

18. *Ordered*, That Early England (Harper's Half-Hour Series, Nos. 6 to 14) be dropped from the list of supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That The Prang Primary Course in Art Education, Parts I. and II., by Mary Dana Hicks and Josephine C. Lock, be authorized as a desk book, one copy of Part I. to be furnished each teacher of Grade I., and one copy of Part II. to be furnished each teacher of Grade II.

20. *Ordered*, That Suggestions for Instruction in Color, by Louis Prang, Mary Dana Hicks, and John S. Clark be authorized as a desk book, one copy to be furnished each teacher in the Primary and Grammar grades.

21. *Ordered*, That the Ruins and Excavations of Ancient Rome, by Rodolfo Lanciani, published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., be authorized for use as a desk book in the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be placed in each class-room where Roman history is taught.

The report was accepted, and the orders laid on the table.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a new History of the United States of America, by Horace E. Scudder, published by Sheldon & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools. Text-book in history.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Text-book for Evening Elementary Schools.

Ordered, That Noyes's Twilight Stories be authorized for use as a text-book in Evening Elementary Schools.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

List of authorized supplementary reading-books.

Ordered, That the list of authorized supplementary reading-books for the school year 1897–98 be printed.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; additional text-books in penmanship. [See p. 242.]

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 26 — an order that the Duntonian vertical writing-books, published by Thompson, Brown, & Co., be authorized for use as additional text-books in penmanship in the Grammar Schools, reported that in the opinion of this committee it is inexpedient to recommend any additional text-books in writing at the present time. They therefore recommend that no further action be taken on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Bowdlear offered the following:

Location of High School in Roslindale.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools consider a High School to be located in Roslindale.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the following order appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books was taken from the table:

Frye's Primary Geography and Frye's Complete Geography.

51. *Ordered*, That Frye's Primary Geography and Frye's Complete Geography, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as additional text-books in geography in the sixth and fifth, and the fourth, third, second, and first classes, respectively, of the Grammar Schools.

Mrs. Keller moved the passage of the order.

Mr. Strange moved that the whole matter be referred to the next School Board.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to refer. Yeas and nays.

Mr. Strange's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Huggan, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 10.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Paul — 12.

Absent or not voting. — Messrs. Calderwood and Liebmann.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered. Yeas and nays.

The order was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Paul — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Huggan, Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 11.

Absent. — Mr. Calderwood.

Mr. Strange moved that the vote whereby the order was declared lost be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the vote whereby the order was declared lost having been reconsidered at the meeting of the Board held June 8, 1897, a second motion for reconsideration was not in order.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Elizabeth F. Cotter.

Ordered, That the salary due Elizabeth F. Cotter, deceased, late Grammar assistant in the Warren School, be paid to her mother, Mary Cotter.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Paving of School-house Court, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to have School-house Court, Ward 4, paved or asphalted.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 23, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Courtney, Eaton, McDonald, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of lot of Gilbert Stuart School-house. [See p. 288.]

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Nov. 17, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of Sept. 28, 1897, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken, for school purposes, one hundred and twenty-seven square feet, more or less, of land on Dorchester avenue at Dorchester, and their decree of such taking has also been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to transfer of pupils to new building on Chambers street.

City of Boston.
In Common Council, Nov. 18, 1897.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to transfer all pupils living in the vicinity of Lowell and Barton streets, etc., from the schools which they are now attending to the new school building on Chambers street, when completed.

In Common Council, Nov. 18, 1897.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Nov. 19, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Third Division.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to site for East Boston High School. [See pp. 358, 359, 360.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, Nov. 23, 1897.

To the School Committee:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board November 9, requesting the Street Commissioners to take for school purposes a certain lot of land in East Boston, together with a letter addressed to me by the Street Commissioners, suggesting a certain change in the line of the proposed taking. It seems to me that this change in the line should be made, and with such change I am ready to approve the order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Nov. 12, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor:*

SIR: In your request for a report on order returned herewith for taking for site for a High School at East Boston, the Street Commissioners suggest the enlargement of the taking to correspond to the accompanying sketch, and to bound, northeast about two hundred feet on Marion street, southeast about one hundred and twenty-five feet on Saratoga street, southwest about one hundred feet on land of Tileston C. Power, southeast again about thirteen feet by the same, southwest again about one hundred feet by a private way called Louisiana place, and northwest about one hundred and thirty-eight feet by Princeton street, containing about twenty-six thousand three hundred square feet. As by the School Committee order the buildings on Louisiana place are totally destroyed, and but a small amount of land is left upon this way, it is the Commissioners' opinion that this remainder should be taken into the site, and the school estate made an abutter on Louisiana place. They therefore recommend the substitution of this taking for that in the School Committee order. The excess of area, it will be seen, taken by this plan over the amount in the School Committee order is but about 1,300 square feet.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. DUANE,
Chairman pro tem.

City of Boston.
In School Committee, Nov. 9, 1897.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in East Boston, bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by Saratoga street, about one hundred twenty-five feet; southwesterly by land now or formerly of Tileston C. Power, Alexander F. Green, and Central Associates, about two hundred feet; northwesterly by Princeton street, about one hundred twenty-five feet; and northeasterly by Marion street, about two hundred feet; containing about twenty-five thousand square feet; supposed to belong to Charles U. Cotting *et al.*, trustees, James W. Nickerson, Sabia Kenney, and B. Belyea heirs.

Passed.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses it was

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Nov. 9 — that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in East Boston, bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by Saratoga street, about one hundred twenty-five feet; southwesterly by land now or formerly of Tileston C. Power, Alexander F. Green, and Central Associates, about two hundred feet; northwesterly by Princeton street, about one hundred twenty-five feet; and northeasterly by Marion street, about two hundred feet; containing about twenty-five thousand square feet, supposed to belong to Charles U. Cotting *et al.*, trustees, James W. Nickerson, Sabia Kenney, and B. Belyea heirs, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Order requesting Board of Street Commissioners to take land for site for East Boston High School-house rescinded. [See pp. 358, 359, 360.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for site for East Boston High School-house. [See pp. 358, 359, 360.]

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in East Boston, bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by Saratoga street about one hundred twenty-five feet; southwesterly by land now or formerly of Tileston C. Power, about one hundred feet; southeasterly by land of the same, about thirteen feet; southwesterly by a private way called Louisiana place, about one hundred feet; northwesterly by Princeton street, about one hundred thirty-eight feet; and northeasterly by Marion street, about two hundred feet; containing about twenty-six thousand three hundred square feet; and supposed to belong to Charles U. Cotting *et al.*, trustees, James W. Nickerson, Sabia Kenney, and B. Belyea heirs.

Mr. Dunn moved that the vote whereby the order was declared passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors:

Resignation of teachers.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bigelow District. — Ellen Coe, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 7, 1897.

George Putnam District. — Blanche A. Morrill, assistant, Grammar School, Dec. 1, 1897.

Hancock District. — Hattie R. Christiernin, assistant, Grammar School, Dec. 1, 1897.

Lowell District. — Marcella-street Home. — Kath-

arine J. Keefe, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1897.

Stephen M. Weld Kindergarten. — Isabel C. French, principal, Nov. 12, 1897.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Emerson District. — Mary C. Gartland, from Oct. 21, 1897.

Hancock District. — Helen A. Hackett, from Nov. 1, 1897; Annie G. Colbert, from Nov. 16, 1897.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Margaret M. Ring, from Nov. 15, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Anna T. Mahar, from Nov. 8, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Charles C. Perkins School. — A. Gertrude Malloch, from Oct. 22, 1897.

Hyde School. — Winifred S. Ryder, from Oct. 22, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, junior-master, from Dec. 13, 1897.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles L. Reed, Albert W. Thayer, junior-masters, Frank B. Masters, instructor, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Charles Sumner District. — Catharine M. Lynch, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Christopher Gibson District. — Katherine J. Daily, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 22, 1897.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Dudley District. — Mary Polk, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 28, 1897.

Emerson District. — Grace H. Mareman, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Franklin District. — Rose Weinberg, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Frothingham District. — Mary A. Quirk, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, Dec. 7, 1897.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret H. Manning, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Frances M. Campbell, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1897; Edwin I. Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Lowell District. — Marcella-street Home. — Mary L. Wiswall, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Minot District. — Anna L. Foster, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897; Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1897.

Norcross District. — Cherrie W. St. Clair, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Frances M. Mooers, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Shurtleff District. — Florence G. Frazer, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Maude C. Tinkham, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Wells District. — Mary A. Leavens, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Mary Cunningham, instructor, from Nov. 15, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Cook School. — Isabella F. Wallace, assistant, from Dec. 14, 1897.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Annie L. McCarthy, principal, from Nov. 15, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Roxbury High School. — Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1897.

West Roxbury High School. — Florence B. Kimball, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1897.

Emerson District. — Helen A. Burke, Charlotte A. Fraser, assistants, Primary Schools, from Nov. 1, 1897.

George Putnam District. — Mary L. Crowe, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Dec. 1, 1897.

Hancock District. — Marion A. Dogherty, Mabel C. Higgins, Mary J. Ryan, assistants, Grammar School, Margaret Mais, Evelyn M. Pearce, assistants, Primary Schools, from Dec. 1, 1897.

Longfellow District. — Lydia W. Jones, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1897.

Lowell District. — Marcella-street Home. — Mary E. Murphy, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Lyman District. — Loretta Sullivan, assistant, Grammar School, Alvira M. Bartlett, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Minot School. — Alice G. Hamblett, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 15, 1897.

Instructor of Sewing. — Ella L. Thomas, from Oct. 27, 1897.

Stephen M. Weld Kindergarten. — Mabel S. Eddy, principal, from Nov. 24, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

West Roxbury High School. — George A. Cowen, assistant.

Agassiz District. — Joshua Q. Litchfield, submaster; Caroline D. Putnam, first assistant, Primary School.

Bennett District. — Annie R. Cox, Ella M. Hastings, assistants, Grammar School.

Bigelow District. — Ann J. Lyon, first assistant, Primary School.

Bowditch District. — Margaret E. Winton, first assistant, Primary School.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, first assistant, Primary School.

Charles Sumner District. — Ida M. Dyer, assistant, Grammar School; Katharine M. Coulahan, Anna M. Leach, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Dudley District. — Helen P. Hall, Alice L. Williams, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Eliot District. — Rosa M. E. Reggio, Carrie A. Waugh, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Hancock District. — Teresa M. Gargan, first assistant, Primary School.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Emily M. Pevear, Elizabeth R. Wallis, first assistants, Primary Schools.

John A. Andrew District. — Mary A. Jenkins, first assistant, Primary School.

Lawrence District. — Martha S. Damon, Sarah E. Lakeman, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Lincoln District. — Elizabeth M. Easton, Laura L. Newhall, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Lowell District. — Caroline F. Cutler, Flora J. Perry, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Phillips District. — Jennie A. Dodson, first assistant, Primary School.

Tileston District. — Alice M. Ryan, assistant, Grammar School.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, Mary F. Gargan, first assistants, Primary Schools.

Instructors of Sewing. — Annie F. Marlowe, Mary L. Spencer.

Kindergartens.

Centre-Street School. — Lila C. Fisher, assistant.

Charles C. Perkins School. — Maude P. Marshall, assistant.

East Fourth-Street School. — Cora K. Pierce, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Bigelow School. — Assistant, Laura M. Hentz, from Oct. 25, 1897.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Laura A. Ells, from Oct. 20, 1897; Albert S. Ames, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Annie S. Irvin, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Quincy School. — Assistant, Florence G. Frazer, from Nov. 8, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOL.

Assistants in Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistants. — Richard Andrew, Joseph A. Frizzell, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Hugh O'Brien District. — George E. Murphy, substitute for Sarah W. Loker, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

John A. Andrew District. — Madeline P. Trask, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 4, 1897, until Dec. 25, 1897; Mary A. Lynch, substitute.

Minot District. — James H. Gormley, substitute for Mary E. Glidden, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Washington Allston District. — Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 2, 1897, until March 2, 1898.

Report of Committee on School Houses; connecting of schools in Roslindale and West Roxbury by telephone. [See pp. 346, 363.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, who were requested — Nov. 9 — to have the various schools in the Roslindale and West Roxbury Districts connected by telephone, reported that in the opinion of your committee it is inexpedient to comply with the terms of the order.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional	$13,000
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional	14,000

West End Primary School-house, building, additional $6,500
Cudworth School-house lot, grading . . 7,000

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 8 — an order relative to the selection of an architect for a new High School building in East Boston, reported that they have considered the matter, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; selection of architect for East Boston High School-house. [See p. 194.]

Ordered, That John Lyman Faxon, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new East Boston High School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be suspended on Friday evening, Nov. 26, 1897, and that the salaries of the teachers in these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

Suspension of sessions of Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools on evening of Nov. 26, 1897.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sessions of the Columbus-avenue Evening Drawing School be held on four evenings per week, instead of three, until the completion of the term of sixty-six working nights required under the Regulations.

Sessions of Columbus-avenue Evening Drawing School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That additional sessions of the Roxbury Evening Drawing School be held on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings of eight working weeks, beginning with Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1897.

Sessions of Roxbury Evening Drawing School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following:

Salary of Mabel S. Eddy.

Ordered, That Mabel S. Eddy, principal of the Stephen M. Weld Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 24, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Repairing of ventilating engine in Minot School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to repair the ventilating engine in the Minot School-house, and that the boiler in the Walnut-street School-house be put into proper condition for use.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Notice of intention of teachers to resign.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that teachers who propose to resign must give to the Secretary of the School Committee at least two weeks' notice in writing of their intention so to do.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Orders appended to Report of Committee on Text-Books on supplementary reading. [See pp. 369, 370, 371.]

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books, relative to supplementary reading, were taken from the table.

Mrs. Keller moved that Orders 1 to 21 inclusive be taken up together, as follows:

1. *Ordered*, That the plan for furnishing supplementary reading contained in this report be and hereby is adopted.

2. *Ordered*, That Longmans' "Ship" Literary Readers, Nos. 2 and 3, published by Longmans, Green, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

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14. *Ordered*, That Shakespeare's Julius Cæsar (Riverside Literature Series), published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That The Earth and its Story, by Angelo Heilprin, published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized as supplementary reading, to be used as collateral to the study of geography in the Grammar Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That What Mr. Darwin Saw in His Voyage around the World in the Ship Beagle, be dropped from the list of supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools (Group A).

17. *Ordered*, That Smiles's Robert Dick, Botanist and Geologist, be dropped from the list of supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools (Group A).

18. *Ordered*, That Early England (Harper's Half-Hour Series, Nos. 6 to 14) be dropped from the list of supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That The Prang Primary Course in Art Education, Parts I. and II., by Mary Dana Hicks and Josephine C. Lock, be authorized as a desk book, one copy of Part I. to be furnished each teacher of Grade I., and one copy of Part II. to be furnished each teacher of Grade II.

20. *Ordered*, That Suggestions for Instruction in Color by Louis Prang, Mary Dana Hicks, and John S. Clark be authorized as a desk book, one copy to be furnished each teacher in the Primary and Grammar grades.

21. *Ordered*, That The Ruins and Excavations of Ancient Rome, by Rodolfo Lanciani, published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., be authorized for use as a desk book in the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be placed in each class-room where Roman history is taught.

The orders passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the following order was taken from the table:

Text-book in history. [See p. 371.]

Ordered, That A New History of the United States of America, by Horace E. Scudder, published by Sheldon & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Passed, 18 members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the following order was taken from the table:

Text-book for Evening Elementary Schools. [See p. 372.]

Ordered, That Noyes's Twilight Stories be authorized for use as a text-book in Evening Elementary Schools.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on Normal School, offered the following:

Sessions of Normal School.

Ordered, That during the winter months the sessions of the Normal School shall close at one o'clock, P.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Accounts; additional appropriation for school expenses.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following, with the recommendation that the communication be sent to His Honor the Mayor:

City of Boston.

Rooms of the School Committee, Nov. 23, 1897.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, *Mayor:*

Dear Sir: The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee respectfully inform you that the appropriation granted for school purposes, exclusive of new buildings and repairs, alterations, etc., viz., $2,140,000, is insufficient to carry on the schools to the close of the present financial year.

The School Committee, on the date requested (December 22, 1896), presented carefully prepared estimates, showing that the sum of $2,250,000 would be needed; and the experience of the year thus far indicates that the total amount asked for will be required to meet the expenses.

The estimate submitted for salaries of instructors amounted to $1,804,000. The actual expense will exceed this amount by about $10,000, — or about one-half of one per cent., — owing to a larger sumbeing needed than was anticipated, to meet the increase in and adjustment of salaries, as voted by the School Committee.

The expense for salaries of officers and of janitors will not vary materially from the estimate submitted.

The School Committee was obliged to pay about 80 cents more per ton for coal than the price of last year; and the bills rendered by the city for water show an increase of thirty per cent. The total estimate made for fuel, gas, and water will not meet the actual cost by nearly $5,000.

From this statement it will be seen that some $15,000 must be saved to keep the expenses even within the estimates, and it is expected that the saving will be made out of the sum requested for supplies and incidentals.

The School Committee therefore respectfully request that an amount be allowed equal to the reduction made by the City Council in the estimates presented Dec. 22, 1896, viz., $110,000, — the same to be provided for school expenses for the balance of the financial year, as shown to be necessary by the statements herein presented.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on the adoption of the report, and the sending of the same to His Honor the Mayor.

The report was unanimously adopted and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor, by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Coolidge, Davison, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleis-

cher, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell and Paul — 19.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting. — Messrs. Courtney, Eaton, Liebmann, McDonald, and Strange.

Report of Committee on Accounts; expenditure for instruction in type-setting and printing in Horace Mann School. [See p. 296.]

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — an order concerning an expenditure for instruction in type-setting and printing to the pupils of the Horace Mann School, reported that, in their opinion, the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) during the current school year for providing instruction in type-setting and printing to the pupils of said school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the same committee, it was

Employment of additional clerk in office of Secretary; compensation of.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the School Committee be authorized to employ an additional clerk at a compensation of six hundred dollars per annum, dating from Nov. 8, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the same committee, it was

Abatement of tuition of Florence M. Daily.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. Ermina D. Daily, of Cambridge, Mass., for tuition from Nov. 11, 1897, to Feb. 1, 1898, of Florence M. Daily, a non-resident pupil in the Normal School, viz., twenty-one and $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars ($21.90) be abated, said pupil having left the school Nov. 11, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the same committee, it was

Abatement of tuition of Richard A. Polson.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. Richard Polson, of Wollaston, Mass., for tuition from Nov. 2,

1897, to Feb. 1, 1898, of Richard A. Polson, a non-resident pupil in the Latin School, viz., twenty-four and $\frac{36}{100}$ dollars ($24.36) be abated, said pupil having left the school Nov. 2, 1897.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Petition to General Court for additional amount of $800,000 to be expended under provisions of chapter 408 of Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of Acts of 1897.

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court at its session commencing on the first Wednesday of January next, for an additional amount of eight hundred thousand dollars, to be expended by this Board in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, for additional High and Latin School accommodations.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Charlotte B. Hall. [See p. 365.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 9 — an order that Charlotte B. Hall, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 1, 1897, reported that Miss Hall formerly held the same position, but was obliged to resign on account of a family bereavement. She has now returned to the service, and your committee do not believe that she should suffer any loss in salary on account of her enforced temporary withdrawal. They therefore recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That Charlotte B. Hall, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order that Mabel S. Eddy,

principal of the Stephen M. Weld Kindergarten, be placed upon the second year of service in her rank, reported that your committee recommend that the following order ought to pass:

of Mabel S. Eddy. [See p. 386.]

Ordered, That Mabel S. Eddy, principal of the Stephen M. Weld Kindergarten, be placed upon the second year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 24, 1897.

Mr. Bateman moved that the report and order be recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Gallivan raised the point of order that as the order offered by the Committee on Kindergartens had not been acted upon by the Committee on Salaries subsequent to the reference of said order to that committee, the report was not properly before the Board.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Bateman's motion to recommit was lost.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on High Schools; location of High School in Roslindale. [See p. 373.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred — Nov. 9 — an order relative to a new High School to be located in Roslindale, reported that a considerable expenditure is soon to be made for the enlargement of the West Roxbury High Schoolhouse, plans for which are now being prepared. A High School in Roslindale would naturally draw its pupils from but three Grammar Schools at present, many of whose graduates find it almost as convenient to attend the West Roxbury High School as they would one located in Roslindale. Taking the whole matter into account, and especially considering the additional accommodations about to be furnished the pupils of that section, your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to take any action at the present time, on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Florence E. Leadbetter.

Ordered, That Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 1, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Death of Ida C. S. Wing.

Mr. Bateman, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of Ida C. S. Wing, late assistant, Grammar School, in the Frothingham District.

Accepted.

Mr. Bateman, for the same committee, offered the following:

Changes in ventilation of Harvard School-house.

Ordered, That necessary changes be made in the ventilation of the Harvard School-house, so as to prevent the entrance into the building of objectionable odors.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bateman, for the same committee, offered the following:

Furniture for teachers' rooms in Harvard and Prescott School-houses.

Ordered, That teachers' rooms in the Harvard and Prescott School-houses be carpeted and provided with suitable furniture.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Salary of Laura S. Plummer.

Ordered, That Laura S. Plummer, assistant in the Normal School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 1, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Sessions of outlying schools in Eighth Division.

Ordered, That during the months of December and January, the morning sessions of certain outlying schools

in the Eighth Division be extended to two o'clock, and the afternoon sessions dispensed with, at the discretion of the committee in charge.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair read the following:

Appointment of Lydia F. Brock, assistant in office of Secretary.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON, Nov. 23, 1897.

Mr. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the Regulations, I respectfully ask the approval of the Board to the appointment of Miss Lydia F. Brock, as assistant in my office, the term of service to begin Nov. 8, 1897.

Respectfully yours,

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Approved.

Petition from Francis W. Kittredge, Edward E. Hale, *et als.*: employment of Mrs. Annie M. Trundy.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Francis W. Kittredge, Edward E. Hale, and twenty-nine others, asking for the employment of Mrs. Annie M. Trundy, as teacher of a girls' or Primary class in some one of the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the petition was referred to the Board of Supervisors, with full powers.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to appointment of instructors, etc.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 81. Strike out all after the word "Nominations," in the seventh line.

SECTION 84. Strike out the words "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the eighth and ninth lines.

SECTION 90. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth and fifth lines.

Strike out in the second paragraph all after the word "Board."

SECTION 91. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the second, third, and fourth lines.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 14, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Fleischer, Liebmann, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 19, 1897.

Communication from City Council; appropriations.

Ordered, That the several departments hereinafter named be authorized to expend the sums of money, and for the purposes specified; and that to meet the appropriations aforesaid the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston for the sum of forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000); said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, twenty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Copp's Hill burying-ground, reconstruction of wall .	$1,000

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Square, Bunker Hill, Vine, and Moulton streets, improvement of	2,000

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Groton street School, paving and fencing yard . .	2,000

STREET LAYING OUT DEPARTMENT.

Independence square, fencing around . .	$5,000	
Whitney street, Ward 19. extension of . .	5,000	
Carleton street, Berwick park to West Newton street, laying out and construction .	8,000	
Leonard street, extension to Dorchester avenue	10,000	
Laying out and construction of a new street from Beacham street to Dorrance street, Charlestown	5,000	
Park street, Ward 23, extension west of Centre street	2,000	
Winthrop street, Charlestown, extension .	6,000	
		$41,000
Total		$46,000

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the said City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Passed. Yeas 11, nays none. Sent down for concurrence.

October 21, came up concurred. Yeas 51, nays 14.

Approved by the Mayor Oct. 29, 1897, except the following items: "Carleton street, Berwick park to West Newton street, laying out and construction, $8,000;" "Winthrop street, Charlestown, extension, $6,000;" and "Independence square, fencing around, $5,000;" and the Mayor further certified that the items approved by him are not, in his opinion, to meet a current expense.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to site for East Boston High School. [See pp. 358, 359, 360, 376, 377.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, Dec. 11, 1897.

To the School Committee:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by you on Nov. 22, 1897, taking certain land for a site for a High School in East Boston.

As stated in a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners, enclosed herewith, the boundaries of the land taken were made up hurriedly from an atlas, and I regret to say that it now

appears from an actual survey of the land that the atlas was not correct. It has also been stated to me that the members of the School Committee prefer to have the school-house site include Louisiana place, instead of abutting on it. I therefore recommend the rescinding of this order and the passage of a new order with the boundaries correctly described, and including Louisiana place, if your committee are of the opinion that it should be included.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Dec. 8, 1897.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, *Mayor:*

Sir: Concerning the orders for the taking of a High School site in East Boston, which you sent here some days ago for examination previous to your action in approving the same, the commissioners wish to say that the description furnished you for the order of November 22 was taken hurriedly from an atlas which led the commissioners into an error in dimensions and quantities of land taken. It has been found that it is desirable that the passageway upon which the school lot would abut by the order of November 22 should be included in the site. Members of the School Committee have told the commissioners that they wish no exit from that part of the property, and prefer to join the next estate with the ordinary separation line. This will make the description two hundred feet on Marion street; one hundred and twenty-five feet on Saratoga street; southwest one hundred feet on land of Tileston C. Power; southeast twenty-five feet by the same; again, southwest one hundred feet on land of the Trustees of the Central Associates; and one hundred and fifty feet on Princeton street; and the superficial area will be twenty-seven thousand five hundred square feet. This taking is from actual survey, and is, the commissioners understand, in accordance with the wishes of the School Committee. The commissioners would, therefore, respectfully suggest that you recommend the passage of an order by the committee for a taking upon these lines.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. DUANE,
Chairman, pro tempore.

City of Boston.
In School Committee, Nov. 23, 1897.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in

East Boston, bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by Saratoga street about one hundred twenty-five feet; southwesterly by land now or formerly of Tileston C. Power, about one hundred feet; southeasterly by land of the same, about thirteen feet; southwesterly by a private way called Louisiana place, about one hundred feet; northwesterly by Princeton street, about one hundred thirty-eight feet; and northeasterly by Marion street, about two hundred feet; containing about twenty-six thousand three hundred square feet; and supposed to belong to Charles U. Cotting *et al.*, trustees, James W. Nickerson, Sabia Kenney, and B. Belyea heirs.

Passed.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Dillaway District. — Anna M. Stone, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 31, 1897.

Franklin District. — Elizabeth E. Daily, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 15, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Annie W. Ford, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 31, 1897.

Mather District. — Elizabeth Donaldson, assistant, Primary School, Jan. 3, 1898.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bennett District. — Katherine F. Wood, from Nov. 29, 1897.

Bowditch District. — Annie M. Johnson, from Nov. 29, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Sadie M. Spalding, from Oct. 26, 1897.

Everett Kindergarten. — Sadie N. Stall, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, assistant, from Dec. 20, 1897.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Harry W. Whittemore, junior-master, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 20, 1897.

Comins District. — Katharine J. Keefe, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 17, 1897.

Dearborn District. — Annie S. Irvin, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 20, 1897.

Frothingham District. — Helen M. Cleveland, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 11, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Nellie G. Lynch, Josephine P. Poole, assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 17, 1897.

Lewis District. — Catherine G. Foley, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 27, 1897.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 21, 1897.

Washington Allston District. — Gertrude Weeks, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 29, 1897.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie G. Furlong, instructor, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Choate Burnham Kindergarten. — Annie E. Brigham, principal, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Brighton High School. — Lucy W. Warren, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1897.

East Boston High School. — Mabel E. Chaplin, special teacher of physical training, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Frank B. Masters, assistant instructor, from Dec. 15, 1897.

Comins District. — Margaret E. Sullivan, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 27, 1897.

Edward Everett District. — Sally T. Fletcher, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 16, 1897.

Everett District. — Bertha L. Mulloney, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1897.

Franklin District. — Elizabeth H. Marston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 15, 1897.

Frothingham District. — Ella M. Donkin, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Kathie H. Emery, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Lowell District. — *Marcella-street Home.* — Minnie A. Noyes, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 22, 1897.

Mather District. — Elizabeth Donaldson, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Prince District. — Laura A. Ells, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1897.

Robert G. Shaw District. — William W. Howe, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Wells District. — Margaret A. Connell, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Boys' Latin School. — Alaric Stone, junior-master.

Brimmer District. — Edith L. Stratton, first assistant, Primary School.

Comins District. — Anna R. McDonald, first assistant, Primary School.

Dwight District. — Emma F. Gallagher, Eva L. Munroe, first assistants, Primary School.

Everett District. — Eliza C. Gould, first assistant, Primary School; Mary S. Murphy, assistant, Primary School.

Franklin District. — Harriet M. Faxon, Josephine G. Whipple, first assistants, Primary School.

George Putnam District. — Carrie A. Colton, assistant, Grammar School.

Hyde District. — Anna G. Fillebrown, first assistant, Primary School.

Longfellow District. — Rebekah C. Riley, assistant, Primary School.

Prince District. — Laura K. Hayward, first assistant, Primary School.

Sherwin District. — Emma L. Peterson, first assistant, Primary School.

Washington Allston District. — Helen E. Raymond, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Comins School. — Assistant, Cyrus A. King, from Nov. 8, 1897. Assistants, Evening Schools.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Florence E. Marshall, from Nov. 29, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Assistants. — Henry K. Burrison, J. Albert Cole, William P. Edwards, Josiah P. Hayward, Alvah C. Spencer, from Nov. 30, 1897. Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Dearborn District. — Lizzie M. Wood, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1897, until March 1, 1898; Mary A. Scully, substitute.

Eliot District. — Adolin M. Steele, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 6, 1897, until April 6, 1898; Ida E. Hall, substitute. Harriet E. Lampee, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1897, until Feb. 1, 1898; Emma C. G. Keating, substitute.

Gaston District. — Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1897, until Feb. 1, 1898; Mary L. Vining, substitute.

John A. Andrew District. — Sarah E. Connelly, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 6, 1897, until March 6, 1898; Florence G. Willis, substitute.

Norcross District. — Sarah A. Gallagher, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1897, until March 1, 1898; Florence E. Marshall, substitute.

Prince District. — Mary Wilson, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 16, 1897, until April 16, 1898; Hattie L. Gates, substitute. Anna C. Murdock, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 29, 1897, until Jan. 3, 1898; Louise H. Murdock, substitute.

Washington Allston District. — Hattie C. Kennedy, substitute for Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Warrenton-street Kindergarten. — Juliette Billings, assistant, from Oct. 20, 1897, until Jan. 20, 1898; Anna H. Prentiss, substitute.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, it was

Ordered, That the rank of John C. Ryder, principal of the Brighton High School, be that of head-master from Jan. 1, 1898.

Rank of John C. Ryder.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the rank of George C. Mann, principal of the West Roxbury High School, be that of head-master from Jan. 1, 1898.

Rank of George C. Mann.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order that necessary changes be made in the ventilation of the Harvard School-house, so as to prevent the entrance into the building of objectionable odors, reported that the matter has been attended to, and they recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; changes in ventilation of Harvard School-house. [See p. 394.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 9 — a communication from the Board of Aldermen, asking that the School Committee report, at the earliest possible date, under what conditions and for what compensation they will convey to the Street Department of the city of Boston land on Stanley street, Ward 20, for the purpose of widening said street to a uniform width, reported that the land which is desired for the widening of Stanley street is a portion of the Quincy-street School-house lot, on which is situated a two-room wooden building. This district is rapidly increasing in population, and the necessity of providing additional accommodations in the near future is daily becoming more and more apparent. The lot in question is, in the opinion of your committee, the best, or at least one of the best, in that vicinity, and is none too large for future requirements. To reduce it by cutting

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Board of Aldermen; conveyance of land on Stanley street to Street Department. [See p. 347.]

off the part needed for the widening of Stanley street would, in our judgment, be a great mistake. Your committee therefore recommend that the Board of Aldermen be respectfully informed that the School Committee are unwilling to surrender or sell any portion ofthis lot.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

Report of Committee on School Houses; repairing of ventilating engine in Minot School-house. [See p. 386.]

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order, requesting that the Superintendent of Public Buildings repair the ventilating engine in the Minot School-house, and that the boiler in the Walnut-street School-house be put into proper condition for use, reported that the matter has been attended to, and they recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the same committee, it was

Order requesting Board of Street Commissioners to take land for site for East Boston High School-house rescinded. [See pp. 358, 359, 360, 376, 377, 378, 398, 399, 400.]

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Nov. 23 — that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in East Boston, bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by Saratoga street, about one hundred twenty-five feet; southwesterly by land now or formerly of Tileston C. Power, about one hundred feet; southeasterly by land of the same, about thirteen feet; southwesterly by a private way called Louisiana place, about one hundred feet; northwesterly by Princeton street, about one hundred thirty-eight feet; and northeasterly by Marion street, about two hundred feet; containing about twenty-six thousand three hundred square feet; and supposed to belong to Charles U. Cotting *et al.*, trustees, James W. Nickerson, Sabia Kenney, and B. Belyea heirs, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land in East Boston, supposed to belong to Charles U. Cotting *et al.*, trustees, Edgar F. Power, Henry Kenney, heirs of Braford Belyea, Henry A. Hatch, and James Woolley and Charles A. Tilden, trustees of Central Associates, and bounded northeast by Marion street, two hundred feet; southeast by Saratoga street, one hundred twenty-five feet; southwest by land supposed to belong to Tileston C. Power, one hundred feet; again southeast by the same, twenty-five feet; again southwest by other land supposed to belong to said James Woolley and Charles A. Tilden, trustees of Central Associates, one hundred feet; and northwest by Princeton street, one hundred fifty feet; containing twenty-seven thousand five hundred square feet, more or less.

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for site for East Boston High School-house. [See pp. 358, 359, 360, 376, 377, 378, 398, 399, 400.]

Mr. Paul moved that the vote whereby the order was declared passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Appropriations.

Dillaway School-house lot, grading .	$625 85
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, furnishing . .	5,000 00
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional .	3,000 00

New Primary School-house, North End, site, additional	$50,990 30
East Boston High School-house, site .	58,000 00
West Roxbury High School-house, addition	150,000 00
New Dorchester High School-house .	42,000 00

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional appropriation for "Public Buildings, Schools."

The Committee on School Houses, who are authorized under the Rules of the Board to provide furniture and temporary accommodations for school purposes, and to order such alterations and repairs as may be necessary to school buildings, report that the estimate for the financial year 1897–8 of the amount required for such purposes, as adopted by the Board, Dec. 22, 1896, was $250,000. The amount granted by the City Council was but $175.000, a reduction of $75,000, or thirty per cent. The cost of this department for the past ten years has averaged more than $225,000 annually, and your committee fully realized that the appropriation granted would prove insufficient to meet the demands that must necessarily be made upon it, and that a deficit would be inevitable, even with the exercise of the strictest economy.

The conditions met with this year are the same as those experienced during the past five years, viz.: increasing demands for school accommodations, and larger expenditures to keep old buildings in a healthful and proper condition for their occupants. The $400,000 available under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1885 for additional accommodations has not been sufficient to keep pace with the growth of our Primary and Grammar School population; and the expense of renting halls, dwelling-houses, and stores, and for heating and furnishing the same for temporary use, has been extraordinary, increasing our annual rentals to a considerable amount. Your committee have also endeavored to comply with the demands of the Board of Health for modern sanitary accommodations and improved methods of ventilation in many of the older school buildings, a class of work that is always expensive, involving in many instances extensive reconstruction of interiors. A considerable amount has been expended for new boilers in various buildings to replace those condemned by the State Inspectors, an expense that was not anticipated when the estimates were made up. Your committee are confident that no unwise expenditures have been made

and no unnecessary work undertaken, and present the following statement showing some of the larger items of expense which have been incurred, many of which were not contemplated when the estimates were made up, viz.:

Mechanic Arts High School-house: necessary alterations to accommodate increased number of pupils .	$10,000 00
Furnishing and fitting up of accommodations for additional kindergartens, manual training schools, and schools of cookery, recently established . . .	15,000 00
Gas and electric fixtures for Evening Drawing School removed from Mechanic Arts High School-house to 147 Columbus avenue	1,600 00
New sanitaries and ventilating apparatus, including necessary plumbing, mason and carpenter work in connection therewith, required by Board of Health .	20,000 00
New boilers and repair of old, ordered by State Inspectors	14,000 00
Brighton High School-house: foundations, steps, curbing, and brick sidewalks	1,400 00
Henry L. Pierce School-house: granite curb and edgestones around lot	4,000 00
Cudworth School-house: resetting boiler . . .	1,000 00
Estimated expenditure during balance of financial year for ordinary and emergency repairs	8,000 00
	$75,000 00

Your committee therefore recommend that the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an additional amount to the credit of the appropriation "Public Buildings, Schools," equal to the reduction made in the estimates presented Dec. 22, 1896, viz., $75,000, to be expended during the current financial year, as shown to be necessary by the statements herein contained.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Florence E. Leadbetter. [See p. 394.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order that Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 1, 1897, reported that your committee

find, after investigating the matter, that unless some special action is taken by the Board for her relief, Miss Leadbetter will lose rather than gain in salary by what is practically a promotion to a higher grade of school. Your committee believe that such an injustice should not occur, and as the rule providing that no teacher shall suffer any loss in salary by being transferred to a higher rank or grade of school does not wholly cover her case, they recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Laura S. Plummer. [See p. 394.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order that Laura S. Plummer, assistant in the Normal School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 1, 1897, reported that in the opinion of your committee favorable action should be taken on this matter. Miss Plummer was appointed to her present position in 1891, having previously taught thirteen years. At that time no credit was allowed for previous service, as was subsequently the case, and it has consequently happened that a teacher appointed to a similar position at a later date will have received, on reaching her maximum, a larger amount than an older teacher of corresponding rank. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Laura S. Plummer, assistant in the Normal School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in the office of the Secretary and of the Auditing Clerk be fixed at the rate of seven hundred forty-four dollars ($744) per annum, to date from Jan. 1, 1898, until otherwise ordered, and that she be paid the sum of forty-eight dollars ($48) for extra services, from Sept. 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1898.

Salary of assistant in office of Secretary and of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Ida C. S. Wing, deceased, late Grammar assistant in the Frothingham School, be paid to her brother, George D. Stratton.

Payment of salary due Ida C. S. Wing.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses consider and report upon the expediency of this Board petitioning the General Court, at its next session, to change the law in regard to the purchasing of school sites in the city of Boston, in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Street Commissioners in said city, in their last annual report.

Petition to General Court relative to change in law in regard to the purchase of school sites.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to establish, as an experiment, a class in cookery in the Lyman Evening School.

Establishment of an evening class in cookery.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor referring to the School Committee, for such action as is considered proper, a communication from the Common Council relative to the transfer of all pupils living in the vicinity of Lowell and Barton streets from the schools which they are now attending to the new school building

Report of Committee on Third Division; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to transfer of pupils to new building on Chambers street. [See pp. 375, 376.]

on Chambers street when completed, reported that it is the intention of this committee, upon the completion of the Mayhew School-house, to make as careful distribution of the pupils living in the Wells District as the limited accommodations and the rapidly increasing school population in this section of the city will permit. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that they will give the request contained in the communication referred their careful attention, with due reference to the welfare of the children living in the streets named.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Appropriation for increased accommodations and needed improvements in Bigelow School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to appropriate from the amount available for the year 1898, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, not less than $40,000 to be expended upon the Bigelow School-house for increased accommodations and needed improvements.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Ames, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Dispensing with morning recess in Everett, Sherwin, and Hyde Schools during the winter months.

Ordered, That during the winter months the Everett, Sherwin, and Hyde Schools be authorized to dispense with the usual recess and to close their morning session at 11.40 o'clock, A.M.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost by a vote of 8 to 11.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the order was referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, to whom was referred — Oct. 12 — a petition signed by Mrs. W. M. Fogg and others, relative to the establishment of a Kindergarten in Dorchester Centre, reported that your committee have given the petition their careful consideration, but on account of the lack of available funds, they do not deem it wise to recommend the establishment of any additional Kindergartens at present. Your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; petition of Mrs. W. M. Fogg *et als.*, relative to the establishment of a Kindergarten in Dorchester Centre. [See p. 300.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue a certificate of qualification, special grade, instructor of cookery, to Elizabeth T. Sumner, recently examined for said certificate.

Certificate of qualification to be issued to Elizabeth T. Sumner.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That a second sub-master be allowed in the Lewis District.

Second sub-master in Lewis District.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the matter.

The Superintendent said:

Opinion of Superintendent.

I think it will be remembered by the members of the School Committee that when this question came up before there was some question about the propriety of suspending the rules, and the whole matter was referred to the Board of Supervisors for further inquiry and report. I have just refreshed my memory by reading a report that was prepared by Supervisor Metcalf and submitted to the Board for consideration. The reasons for appointing a second sub-master in this case appear to the Board of Supervisors to be very strong. The report was considered at length, both in its general aspect,

that is to say in its aspect as a precedent for other possible cases, and in its special aspect as it relates to this particular district, and there was no doubt in the mind of the Board of Supervisors that in this case a second sub-master was very much needed.

It might be added to what Dr. Calderwood has said that the master of the Lewis School finds it particularly difficult to travel back and forth this long distance. It is known to the members of the Board acquainted with him that he suffers considerably with lameness, caused by an accident which befell him some years ago. The Lewis District is a large one. It is rapidly growing, and the time apparently is not far distant when a division will take place and a new district be created there or thereabouts.

The Quincy-street School contains about 470 or 480 pupils at the present time. All the rooms are full and a teachers' room has a class crowded into it. The presence of a man fully capable of taking charge of the school is greatly needed. If ever there was a case when the rules should be suspended, it seems to me and to the Board of Supervisors that this is such a case.

Rules suspended.

The rules were unanimously suspended and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Legislative Matters; petition to Legislature relating to powers granted to Boston Art Commissioners.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, who were requested last year to consider the advisability of petitioning the General Court in behalf of this Board for an amendment to the powers granted to the Boston Art Commission by act of Legislature, chapter 122, Acts of 1890, so that public buildings erected in the city of Boston may come within the scope of the powers of this commission, reported that in the opinion of your committee it is inexpedient to petition the General Court in relation to this matter, and they therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Bowdlear offered the following:

Change in name of West Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the name of the West Roxbury High School be changed to the Jamaica Plain High School.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Bowdlear offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to select an architect for the new school building at Forest Hills.

Selection of architect for new school building at Forest Hills.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bowdlear offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the advisability of erecting a six-room school-house on Baker street, West Roxbury.

Erection of six-room school-house on Baker street.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Ames offered the following:

Ordered, That the public schools close for the Christmas vacation on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1897, at 3.30 o'clock, P.M.

Closing of public schools for Christmas vacation. Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 28, 1897.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Davison, Lowell, and Strange.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for site for East Boston High School-house. [See pp. 358, 359, 360, 376, 377, 378, 398, 399, 400, 407.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Dec. 18, 1897.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of Dec. 14, 1897, the Board of Street Commissioners, on Dec. 17, 1897, took for school purposes, for a site for a High School at East Boston, twenty-seven thousand five hundred square feet, more or less, of land on Marion, Saratoga, and Princeton streets, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Lauriat Improvement Association relative to means of transportation for children attending the Tileston School.

LAURIAT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,
DORCHESTER, MASS., Dec. 13, 1897.

MR. T. D. APOLLONIO, *Secretary School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Lauriat Improvement Association, held last week, the following resolution was adopted, and I was instructed to inform the School Committee through you of the action:

"We, the members of the Lauriat Improvement Association, hereby request the School Committee to provide suitable means of

transportation, morning and afternoon, for the children attending the Tileston School."

Yours truly,

ANDREW J. SULLIVAN,

Acting Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Lewis District. — Allan L. Sedley, first assistant, Grammar School, Jan. 3, 1898.

Lowell District. — Clara I. Stevens, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 31, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Atherton Building. — Milla H. Temple, principal, Dec. 16, 1897.

Baldwin School. — Mary I. Hamilton, assistant, Jan. 3, 1898.

East Fourth-street School. — Cora K. Pierce, assistant, Jan. 3, 1898.

North Bennet-street School. — Isabel G. Dame, principal, Jan. 1, 1898.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Stoughton Kindergarten. — E. Mabel Gibson, from Nov. 15, 1897.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

East Boston High School. — Grace L. Putnam, assistant, from Dec. 2, 1897.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Ida P. Mayers, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 13, 1897.

Phillips District. — Agnes G. Tarpey, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 29, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Bessie H. Stark, assistant, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Choate Burnham School. — Annie L. McCarty, assistant, from Jan. 3, 1898.

North Bennet-street School. — Annie E. Brigham, assistant, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bigelow District. — Alice M. Robinson, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Dec. 7, 1897.

Lewis District. — Allan L. Sedley, sub-master, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Kindergartens.

East Fourth-street School. — Cora K. Pierce, principal, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Tappan School. — Katharine L. Roche, assistant, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Mary I. Hamilton, principal, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Rice Training School. — Mary E. Mailman, first assistant; Julia H. Neil, assistant.

Washington Allston District. — Mabel A. Spooner, assistant, Grammar School.

Kindergartens.

Hyde School. — Edna W. Marsh, assistant.

Mather School. — Elizabeth A. Belcher, assistant.

West Concord-street School. — Mabel F. Kemp, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of teacher.

Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten. — Frieda M. Bethmann, principal, to the same position in the Atherton building Kindergarten, to date from Jan. 1, 1898.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Boys' Latin School. — Grenville C. Emery, master, from Jan. 1, 1898, until May 1, 1898; Rufus W. Sprague, substitute.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior-master, from Jan. 1, 1898, until May 1, 1898; Fred R. Miller, substitute.

Hancock District. — Teresa M. Gargan, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1898, until May 3, 1898; Helen A. Hackett, substitute.

Hyde District. — Esther H. Fletcher, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 31, 1897, until Feb. 1, 1898; Emma B. Gulliver, substitute.

Lawrence District. — Elinor F. Buckley, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1898; Ann M. Mitchell, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Robinson-street School-house, Field's Corner, Dorchester, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Acceptance of Robinson-street School-house.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Mayhew School-house, on Chambers and Poplar streets, be accepted, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Acceptance of Mayhew School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 23 — an order that teachers' rooms in the Harvard and Prescott School-houses be carpeted and provided with suitable furniture, reported that the Harvard School-house has already been supplied with furniture as requested, and that the matter of furnishing the teachers' room in the Prescott School-house will receive due attention. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; furniture for teachers' rooms in Harvard and Prescott School-houses. [See p. 394.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the lot of the George Putnam School-house, a parcel of land on School street, in the West Roxbury District, bounded and described as follows: southwest by School street, there measuring about one hundred feet; northwest by land now or late of W. H. Whitten, and of George N. Gleason, trustee, about two hundred feet; northeast by land of the city of Boston, about one hundred feet; and southeast by land now or formerly of William S. Leland, John A. Pray, and of Sarah E. Bird, about two hundred feet; containing 20,000 square feet, more or less, and supposed to belong to Isadore Marcus.

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of lot of George Putnam School-house.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition to General Court relative to change in law in regard to the purchase of school sites. [See p. 411.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 14 — an order that they consider and report upon the expediency of this Board petitioning the General Court, at its next session, to change the law in regard to the purchasing of school sites in the city of Boston, in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Street Commissioners in said city, in their last annual report, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and, in their opinion, no further legislation is required. Your committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to take any action on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses relative to progress made in providing additional school accommodations.

The Committee on School Houses desire to present, for the information of the Board and of the public generally, a statement of what has been accomplished during the year 1897 in providing additional school accommodations, as follows:

Of the $2,200,000 which the Legislature of 1895 authorized the School Committee to expend for the acquirement of land and the construction and furnishing of new school-houses during the five years 1895–99, $500,000 was to be expended during 1895, an equal sum during 1896, and $400,000 during each of the three following years. It seems to have been assumed that this appropriation would not only be sufficient to provide the necessary additional Grammar and Primary accommodations during the term named, but would also permit of the construction of one or more High School-houses It soon became evident, however, that the appropriation would be taxed to its utmost to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing Grammar and Primary population, yet the necessity of providing additional High Schools had become imperative. A petition was therefore presented to the last Legislature asking that the School Committee be authorized to expend, or to contract to expend, $500,000 during the year 1897, and $500,000 during 1898, for the purchase and taking of land, and for the erection, enlargement, and furnishing of High Schools in East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, West Roxbury, and for the Mechanic Arts High School and the Girls' Latin

School, in addition to the amount already granted under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895. The Legislature failed to grant the amount asked for, but did amend section 4 of the act referred to, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 4. The city treasurer of said city, to pay the expenses incurred for the lands taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses as aforesaid, shall from time to time, on the request of said school committee, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in the current year, which shall be outside of the debt limit, and five hundred thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, which shall all be within the debt limit. Of the amounts issued in the years eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and eighteen hundred and ninety-eight a sum not less than five hundred thousand dollars shall be used for the payment of expenses to be incurred for the taking of lands and the erection and furnishing of High School buildings in East Boston, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Dorchester.

Thus it will be seen that instead of $2,200,000 to be expended in five years, the School Committee have been authorized to expend $2,300,000 in four years, of which amount not less than $500,000 is required to be devoted during two specified years for High School purposes in East Boston, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Dorchester. It will be observed that no provision was made for the relief of the Girls' High School on West Newton street, which occupies, together with the Girls' Latin School, a building planned to accommodate 925 pupils, but which has been obliged to shelter no less than 1,326 pupils at one time. It may be said, in this connection, that no single measure would afford such needed relief as the erection of a new home for the Girls' Latin School, now housed in a building crowded almost beyond endurance. Nor should the claims of the Normal School and the Mechanic Arts High School for better facilities be overlooked. The Normal School has for many years occupied the upper floor of the Rice School-house, accommodations that are utterly inadequate for the needs of this school. Even the corridors are utilized for class work, and the school is without a gymnasium, has no studio for drawing, no laboratory for physics or chemistry or zoölogy or physiology, or many of the essentials of a modern High School building. Such are the conditions in the school that it has recently been decided to close the daily sessions during the winter months at one instead of two o'clock, in order to relieve

teachers and pupils from longer confinement in crowded and poorly ventilated rooms. The Mechanic Arts High School-house should be completed in accordance with the original plans, which can be done for a comparatively small amount. This school is inconveniently full this year and is certain to be overcrowded next year, and this disadvantage will annually increase until the necessary relief is furnished.

The inadequacy of the appropriation placed at the disposal of the School Committee has been increased by the action of the Legislature at its latest session in amending the building laws so that every building hereafter erected or enlarged, or converted to use as a school-house, shall be a first-class building, *i.e.*, of fireproof construction throughout. This means, according to the best authorities, an increase in cost of about 15 per cent. in buildings subject to this provision. In other words, a school-house that could formerly be built for $100,000 will now cost $115,000, or, stated in still another way, the appropriation granted to the School Committee has been reduced 15 per cent.

It was our intention in this report to state the manner in which the appropriation for the current year has been expended, but we have felt it necessary to present the foregoing general review of the situation, in order that the conditions under which we labor may be clearly understood.

Out of the $650,000 which the School Committee were authorized to expend during the year 1897, the following appropriations have been made:

West End School-house site, additional . . .	$70,000 00
Small wooden building in yard of Chapman School-house, additional	201 81
Small wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house, additional	337 92
Small wooden building in yard of Lowell School-house, additional	69 52
Washington Allston Annex (Allston Club-house), furnishing, additional	42 29
New Primary School-house, North End, site, additional	100,000 00
One-room building in yard of Munroe-street Primary School-house, building and furnishing, additional .	478 59
New Primary School-house, Beech street, West Roxbury, additional	558 58
Carried forward	$171,688 71

Brought forward	$171,688 71
Roger Clap School-house, furnishing, additional .	2,692 04
Beech-street School-house, furnishing, additional .	179 30
Sharp School-house, enlargement of lot, grading and fencing	2,997 96
New Bowdoin School-house, furnishing and electric fixtures, additional	2,949 24
Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, additional .	60,000 00
William Wirt Warren School-house lot, grading, additional	176 60
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional	6,000 00
Longfellow School-house, furnishing . . .	10,000 00
Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading . . .	8,000 00
William H. Kent School-house, Moulton street, Charlestown, grading	4,200 00
Primary School-house, Moulton street, additional land,	2,000 00
Mayhew School-house, furnishing	10,000 00
Robinson-street School-house, furnishing . . .	7,000 00
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, furnishing	12,000 00
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional	13,000 00
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional	14,000 00
West End School-house, building, additional . .	6,500 00
Cudworth School-house lot, grading	7,000 00
Dillaway School-house lot, grading	625 85
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, furnishing	5,000 00
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional	3,000 00
New Primary School-house, North End, site, additional	50,990 30
East Boston High School-house, site	58,000 00
West Roxbury High School-house, additional . .	150,000 00
New Dorchester High School-house	42,000 00
	$650,000 00

The following statement shows the progress made during 1897 under the various appropriations included in the preceding schedule :

West End School-house site, additional, $70,000. — The amount appropriated last year for this purpose was $75,000, and the total

appropriation now amounts to $145,000. The site contains 14,128 square feet, and has cost to date $122,225.04. One claim for about 1,509 square feet of the lot has not yet been adjusted.

Small wooden building in yard of Chapman School-house, additional, $201.81. — The amount appropriated last year for this purpose was $2,500, including the transfer of an unexpended balance from another appropriation of $200. This building contains two rooms, was completed and occupied last year, and cost $2,701.81.

Small wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house, additional, $337.92. — Last year's appropriation for this purpose was $2,099.92, including the transfer of an unexpended balance from another appropriation of $99.92. The building contains two rooms, was completed and occupied last year, and has cost $2,437.84.

Small wooden building in yard of Lowell School-house, additional, $69.52. — Former appropriation, $2,300. The building contains two rooms, was completed and occupied last year, and cost $2,369.52.

Washington Allston Annex, furnishing, additional, $42.29. — $1,100 was appropriated last year for this purpose, and it was found necessary to add a small amount this year for the completion of the work. Total cost, $1,142.29.

New Primary School-house, North End, site, additional, $150,990.30. — In 1895 $100,000 was appropriated towards the cost of this site. Of this amount $35,812 was transferred for the purchase of the Elm-street site, Charlestown, which is still unsettled. The present appropriation is, therefore, $215,178.30. This site contains 18,986 square feet, for which has been paid $87,517.41, covering 8,774 square feet. The claims for the balance of the site will probably not be adjusted before 1898.

One-room building in yard of Munroe-street Primary School-house, building and furnishing, additional, $478.59. — The appropriation made for this purpose in 1896 was $2,000 A small additional appropriation was necessary for its completion. It was occupied early in March of the present year, and cost $2,478.59.

Beech-street Primary School-house, West Roxbury, additional, $558.58; furnishing, additional, $179.30. — The amounts previously appropriated for the construction of this school-house were as follows: 1895, $27,500; 1896, $2,175; total appropriation, $30,233.58. It contains four rooms, was first occupied Jan. 4, 1897, and cost, exclusive of furniture, $30,233.58. In 1896 an appropriation of $1,000 was made for furnishing, which was insufficient, and a small additional amount was required during the current year, making the total appropriation for this purpose $1,179.30. Total cost of the school-house, complete, $31,412.88.

Roger Clap School-house, furnishing, additional, $2,692.04. — The appropriation made in 1896 for this purpose was $5,000, which was insufficient for the proper furnishing of the building. Total cost, $7,692.04.

Sharp School-house, enlargement of lot, grading and fencing, $2,997.96. — The Street Commissioners were requested to take a small parcel of land for the enlargement of this lot in 1896, but notice of adjustment of claim for land taken was not received until April 13, 1897. The addition contains 276 square feet, for which $1,900 has been paid, and the balance of the appropriation, amounting to $1,097.96, expended in grading and fencing. Total cost, $2,997.96.

New Bowdoin School-house, furnishing and electric fixtures, additional, $2,949.24. — This school-house was begun under the administration of the former City Architect, and was fully completed and occupied in December, 1896. The cost of furnishing fell upon the School Committee, who appropriated $9,000 for this purpose last year. This sum proved insufficient, and an additional amount was necessary. Total cost to date, $11,945.88, or practically the entire appropriation made.

Paul Revere School-house, Prince Street, additional, $60,000. — Total appropriation to date, $160,000. The plans for this building, prepared by Peabody & Stearns, were approved by the Board late in 1896, and the contracts for the work awarded March 26, 1897, as follows: building, Walter S. Sampson & Son, $141,731 (a deduction amounting to $10,639 was made on this contract shortly after its execution, so that the net amount of the contract was $131,092); heating and ventilating, Lynch & Woodward, $12,779; plumbing, James Tucker & Sons, $7,814; a total of $151,685. The contracts call for the completion of the building March 1, 1898. This is the first fire-proof school-house to be built. It is practically two school-houses under one roof, containing eighteen rooms, and is to be occupied jointly by Primary pupils in the Hancock and Eliot districts.

William Wirt Warren School-house, grading, additional, $176.60. — This lot was enlarged in 1896 by the taking of 9,137 square feet from the heirs of Roderick Richardson, whose claim has not yet been adjusted. The former appropriations made for grading this lot amount to $5,165.50, making the total amount appropriated for this purpose $5,342.10. The grading contract was awarded in September, 1896, and the total cost of the work was $5,342.10. A small additional appropriation this year was therefore necessary.

Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional, $9,000. — The previous appropriation made for this purpose in 1895 was $70,000. The contracts for the work were awarded

in 1896, and the building first occupied at the opening of the term, September, 1897. It contains ten rooms and a hall, and is occupied by Grammar pupils. Plans and specifications for grading the lot were prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and on Aug. 4, 1897, the contract was awarded to Robert L. Barrett for the sum of $5,989. The cost of the building and grading has been somewhat in excess of the original estimates, and an additional appropriation was therefore necessary. Final settlement with the contractors has not yet been made, and the total cost cannot be stated.

Longfellow School-house, furnishing, $10,000. — Of this appropriation something over $7,000 has been expended to date for the necessary furnishing of this school-house.

Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading, $8,000. — This school-house was begun under the administration of the former City Architect, and completed under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. The School Committee were obliged to assume the cost of grading the lot, and the contract for doing the work was awarded, July 23, 1897, to Thomas Minton, for the sum of $7,500. It is not yet completed.

William H. Kent School-house, Moulton street, Charlestown, grading, $4,200; Primary School-house, Moulton street, Charlestown, additional land, $2,000. — In 1895 the Street Commissioners were requested to take additional land for the enlargement of this lot, and on October 22 of the same year notice was received of the taking of 6,856 square feet and part of passageway for this purpose. A City Council appropriation of $5,000 was available for the cost of the land, but not for the expense of grading it. Oct. 12, 1897, notice was received of terms of settlement with Jeremiah Minehan for land taken amounting to $6,800, which was in excess of the City Council appropriation. The sum of $6,200 was therefore appropriated by the School Committee to cover the cost of both land and grading, a contract for the latter having been awarded to Pierce F. Lonergan, for the sum of $4,075, July 2, 1897. The total appropriation is now $11,200. The grading has not yet been completed.

Mayhew (West End) School-house, furnishing, $10,000. — The contract for pupils' desks and chairs was awarded to George S. Perry & Co., Nov. 24, 1897, for the sum of $1,870.75.

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, furnishing, $12,000. — The contract for providing pupils' desks and chairs was awarded, Nov. 24, 1897, to the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Co., for the sum of $1,786.40.

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional, $13,-

000. — This school-house will soon be ready for occupancy. Its construction was begun in November, 1896, and has since progressed as rapidly as circumstances would permit. It contains thirteen rooms and a hall, and is to take the place of the old Harris Grammar School-house. It has recently received the name of Mary Hemenway, whose memory is thus fittingly perpetuated. An extensive change has recently been decided upon with regard to the grading of the lot, which it is thought will considerably improve the appearance of the building, but which will require some little time to complete. The total appropriation available, including the transfer last year of unexpended balances amounting to $10,840.33, is $123,760 06, which will approximate the total cost of this school-house, not including furniture.

New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional, $14,000. — It will be noted that the next few weeks will witness the completion of several school-houses begun during the previous year, including this new Primary School-house containing ten rooms, and replacing an old wooden structure on the same site. This school-house, of attractive exterior, built of Gartcraig brick, will cost approximately $83,000, which is the total appropriation to date, including $69,000 appropriated last year.

Robinson-street School-house, furnishing, $7,000. — The contract for furnishing pupils' desks and chairs was awarded, Nov. 24, 1897, to George S. Perry & Co., for the sum of $896.70. This Primary School-house, containing eight rooms, will also be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. The total appropriation for the building amounts to $71,000, which includes a City Council appropriation of $6,000. The total cost, exclusive of furniture, will be approximately $65,000.

West End Primary School-house, building, additional, $6,500. — The total appropriation for this building now amounts to $111,500, which includes a City Council appropriation of $45,000, and an appropriation of $60,000 made by the School Committee in 1896. This school-house, situated on Chambers and Poplar streets, containing fourteen rooms, and to be occupied by Primary pupils, is rapidly approaching completion, and will be available for use about Jan. 1, 1898. Its cost will be approximately $111,500, exclusive of furniture, and it will provide much-needed relief in the Wells District. It has been named the Mayhew School to continue an honored name formerly borne by an old school-house in that section of the city.

Cudworth School-house lot, grading, $7,000. — The plans and specifications for grading this lot, prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, were approved by the Board Oct. 12, 1897, and on

Nov. 8, 1897, the contract was awarded to George G. Baker & Co., for the sum of $6,600. The work is not yet completed.

Dillaway School-house lot, grading, $625.85. — The Street Commissioners were requested, in 1896, to take additional land for the enlargement of this lot. Jan. 11, 1897, notice was received of the taking of 1,604 square feet, but notice of terms of settlement has not yet been received. The addition has been graded under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, at an expense of $625.85.

New Primary School-house, Vernon Street, Roxbury, furnishing, $5,000. — Proposals for furnishing this building have not yet been obtained.

East Boston High School-house, site, $58,000. — On Nov. 9, 1897, after the various requirements of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897 had been duly complied with, the Board voted to select a site for a new building for the East Boston High School, on Marion, Princeton, and Saratoga streets, containing about 25,000 square feet. Subsequently it was discovered that errors had been made in the dimensions and quantities of land to be taken, and on Dec. 14, 1897, an order was passed by the Board requesting the Street Commissioners to take a larger amount of land in the same location, containing 27,500 square feet. This order was approved by the Mayor on Dec. 17, 1897, and on Dec. 28, 1897, notice of taking was received from the Street Commissioners.

On Nov. 23, 1897, the Board selected John Lyman Faxon architect for the new building to be erected on this site, and he is now engaged in the preparation of plans therefor. No appropriation has as yet been made for this building.

West Roxbury High School-house, addition, $150,000. — June 26, 1897, the firm of Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul was selected by the Board to prepare plans for an addition to the present building. Their preliminary sketches have been submitted to and approved by this committee, and they are now completing regular plans and specifications which will shortly be presented for the approval of the Board.

New Dorchester High School-house, $42,000. — The site for this building on Talbot avenue and Centre street was acquired and paid for in 1896. June 26, 1897, the Board selected Hartwell, Richardson, & Driver as architects, who have recently submitted preliminary sketches for the new school-house for the approval of this Committee.

Blackinton School-house lot, grading, $5,982 (transfer made Nov. 24, 1896, of unexpended balance of another appropriation). — Plans for grading and paving the yard of this school-house were

prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings and approved by the Board, Nov. 24, 1896. On Jan. 6, 1897, the contract was awarded to Pierce F. Lonergan & Co., for the sum of $4,439. The work is not yet completed.

Aberdeen District School-house. — The sum of $22,250, being the balance, of an appropriation made by the City Council previous to 1895, is being expended under the direction of the School Committee for the erection of a two-room wooden school-house on Chestnut Hill avenue and Chiswick road, Brighton District. The plans for this building, prepared by Lewis H. Bacon, architect, were approved by the Board Dec. 8, 1896, and on Feb. 18, 1897, the building contract was awarded to A. B. Murdough, for the sum of $11,350. On the same date the plumbing contract was awarded to W. N. McKenna & Co., for the sum of $945, and on Sept. 14, 1897, the heating and ventilating contract was awarded to Cleghorn Eglee Co., for the sum of $1,468. Total amount of contracts, $13,763. This building will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

These statements show that a large portion of the $400,000 available this year (not including the additional $250,000 to be expended for High School purposes) will have been spent for the completion of work undertaken previous to 1897. In fact, it has been possible to place but one school-house under contract this year, aside from the Aberdeen District building, the cost of which is otherwise provided for, viz.: the Paul Revere; but it should be remembered that this school-house will cost a much larger sum than any Primary or Grammar building heretofore erected by the city of Boston, and is a fire-proof building. There are, however, sundry unexpended balances on completed work undertaken previous to 1897, amounting in the aggregate to $13,348.76, which are available for transfer.

The following is a statement of what has been accomplished with regard to the enlargement of existing sites and the acquirement of new during the year 1897, in connection with which no appropriations have been made during the current year.

Robinson-street School-house, enlargement of lot. — On Jan. 4, 1897, the Street Commissioners were requested to take approximately 19,334 square feet for the enlargement of this lot. At the following meeting of the Board — Jan. 11, 1897 — an order was passed requesting them to abstain from taking until further action by the Board, and at the next meeting of the Board — Jan. 14, 1897 — an order was passed requesting His Honor the Mayor to return without his approval the original order requesting the Street Commissioners to take. The Mayor, however, approved the order on Aug. 31, 1897. No notice of taking yet received.

Old Gibson School-house lot, enlargement, School Street, Dorchester. — April 13, 1897, the Street Commissioners were requested to take additional land for the enlargement of this lot. Nov. 9, 1897, notice was received of the taking of 7,223 square feet for this purpose. No. notice of terms of settlement yet received.

Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, enlargement. — Owing to an error in the construction of a wall in connection with the grading of this school-house lot, it was deemed expedient to take a small additional strip of land, containing about 127 square feet. Sept. 28, 1897, the Board passed an order requesting the Street Commissioners to take this land; and on Nov. 23, 1897, notice was received of the taking. The terms of settlement have not yet been concluded.

South Boston High School, site. — An understanding with regard to the payment to be made for the "reservoir site" was finally arrived at, and on Sept. 7, 1897, the Board voted to request the Street Commissioners to take a designated portion of that lot, the understanding being that the School Committee should pay therefor the sum of 30 cents per square foot. This action was promptly approved by the Mayor; and on Sept. 28, 1897, notice was received of the taking of $52,926\frac{2}{10}$ square feet for High School purposes. Formal notice of terms of settlement was received on Nov. 9, 1897, and the payment of $15,877.86 approved. In 1895 the School Committee had appropriated the sum of $50,000 for a High School site in South Boston, of which appropriation there now remains an unexpended balance of $24,122.14.

On Nov. 9, 1897, the Board selected Mr. Herbert D. Hale as the architect of the new building, and he is now engaged in the preparation of plans therefor.

Bailey-street School-house lot, enlargement. — The City Council recently appropriated the sum of $12,000 for the enlargement of this lot, and on Nov. 9, 1897, the School Committee passed an order requesting the Street Commissioners to take 12,000 square feet of land for this purpose.

The assertion has been frequently made during the past year or two that hundreds of children were compelled to walk the streets on account of insufficient school accommodations. Careful investigations have been repeatedly made which show that practically all children of Grammar School age have been and are now provided for; but many of our schools are sadly overcrowded, and a number of children who seek admission to the Kindergarten and to the Primary Schools cannot be received. If the increase in the population was evenly distributed throughout the city, the problem of providing for the school children would be greatly simplified, but as long as school-

houses are permanent structures and cannot be shifted from place to place, it will be impossible to make the supply exactly equal to the demand. There is also a disposition on the part of some parents to send their children to particular schools which are perhaps crowded, while buildings but a short distance further from their homes could readily receive them. Few people really appreciate the rapid growth of the city, especially in the suburban districts, where little home centres spring up on vacant land almost in a night. Money must be spent, and spent freely, to keep pace with the increased demand, and while we feel that we have expended the appropriation available to the best possible advantage, we desire to emphasize the fact that although we have relieved to a considerable extent the current needs of Grammar and Primary pupils, yet it has been necessary during the past year to rent the following additional accommodations for school colonies:

	Annual rental.
166 Lauriat avenue, Dorchester (1 room)	$180 00
Chambers-street Chapel (1 room)	800 00
38 Chambers street (1 room)	600 00
Greenwood Hall, Dorchester (1 room)	600 00
115 to 121 Salem street (2 rooms)	1,200 00
Boylston Chapel, Charlestown (1 room)	300 00
341 Centre street, West Roxbury (1 room)	480 00
370 Warren street, Roxbury (1 room)	600 00
Bird Building, Fourth street, South Boston (1 room)	400 00
Parochial Building, Moon street (additional room)	540 00
Washington street, Dorchester (1 room)	360 00
Warren, corner of Maywood street, Roxbury (1 room),	600 00
Meridian, corner of Eutaw street, East Boston (1 room),	900 00
Columbus avenue (Drawing School) (2 floors)	1,300 00
766 Huntington avenue (1 room)	780 00
604, 606, and 608 Dudley street, Roxbury (3 rooms)	1,440 00
Athenæum Building, Dorchester (2 rooms)	800 00
242 Bennington street, East Boston (1 room)	480 00
	$12,360 00

In conclusion, we would call attention to the fact that with the completion of the Mayhew, Vernon and Auburn streets, Robinson street, and Mary Hemenway School-houses, forty-five additional school-rooms will be ready for occupancy, accommodating at least 2,250 pupils.

Accepted.

Estimates for 1898–99.

Mr. Allen, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year commencing Feb. 1, 1898, and ending Jan. 31, 1899, exclusive of the expenses for the building of school-houses, and asked that the same be approved by the Board and transmitted to the Auditor:

SCHOOLS.

Estimates, 1898–99.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, Dec. 28, 1897.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, *Mayor:*

Dear Sir: The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the public schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of February, 1898, and ending January 31, 1899, exclusive of the expenses for the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLARD S. ALLEN,
Chairman Com. on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

Normal School.

1 Head-master	at $3,780	$3,780	
1 Master	2,772	2,772	
2 Assistants	1,620	3,240	
2 "	1,560	3,120	
1 Assistant	1,500	1,500	
2 Assistants	1,380	2,760	
2 "	1,260	2,520	
1 Special Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1 Clerical "	520	520	
			$21,592

Latin and High Schools.

First Grade.

1 Head-master	at $4,200	$4,200	
6 Head-masters	3,780	22,680	
2 Masters	3,348	6,696	
24 "	3,060	73,440	
3 Junior-masters	2,916	8,748	
4 "	2,772	11,088	
2 "	2,628	5,256	
5 "	2,484	12,420	
Carried forward		$144,528	$21,592

Brought forward			$144,528	$21,592
3	Junior-masters	at $2,340	7,020	
5	"	2,196	10,980	
4	"	2,052	8,208	
2	"	1,908	3,816	
3	"	1,764	5,292	
3	"	1,620	4,860	
1	Junior-master	1,476	1,476	
1	Clerical Assistant	500	500	
				186,680
	Third Grade.			
1	Assistant Principal	at $2,040	$2,040	
2	Assistants	1,620	3,240	
23	"	1,500	34,500	
1	Assistant	1,476	1,476	
3	Assistants	1,404	4,212	
5	"	1,332	6,660	
12	"	1,260	15,120	
6	"	1,188	7,128	
22	"	1,116	24,552	
10	"	1,044	10,440	
3	"	972	2,916	
				112,284
	Mechanic Arts High School.			
1	Head-master	at $3,780	$3,780	
1	Junior-master	2,772	2,772	
2	Junior-masters	2,628	5,256	
1	Junior-master	1,476	1,476	
1	Instructor in Metal Working,	2,220	2,220	
1	Instructor	2,220	2,220	
2	Instructors	2,100	4,200	
1	Instructor	1,980	1,980	
1	"	1,860	1,860	
1	"	1,500	1,500	
1	Assistant Instructor	1,152	1,152	
1	" "	972	972	
				29,388
	Grammar and Primary Schools.			
	Second Grade.			
51	Masters	at $3,100	$158,100	
2	"	2,820	5,640	
4	"	2,700	10,800	
4	Sub-masters	2,460	9,840	
16	"	2,340	37,440	
7	"	2,220	15,540	
16	"	2,100	33,600	
5	"	1,980	9,900	
3	"	1,860	5,580	
Carried forward			$286,440	$349,944

Brought forward		$286,440	$349,944
4 Sub-masters . . .	at $1,740	6,960	
4 "	1,620	6,480	
1 Sub-master	1,500	1,500	
			301,380
Fourth Grade.			
1 First Assistant, Grammar .	at $1,212	$1,212	
74 " Assistants, " .	1,180	87,320	
5 " " " .	1,116	5,580	
2 " " " .	1,068	2,136	
11 " " " .	1,020	11,220	
2 " " " .	972	1,944	
88 Assistants, Grammar . .	904	79,552	
279 " " . .	856	238,824	
40 " " . .	792	31,680	
42 " " . .	744	31,248	
36 " " . .	696	25,056	
58 " " . .	648	37,584	
25 " " . .	600	15,000	
20 " " . .	552	11,040	
55 First Assistants, Primary .	1,032	56,760	
4 " " " .	984	3,936	
5 Assistants, Primary . .	936	4,680	
16 " " . .	888	14,208	
260 " " . .	856	222,560	
31 " " . .	792	24,552	
40 " " . .	744	29,760	
31 " " . .	696	21,576	
59 " " . .	648	38,232	
20 " " . .	600	12,000	
18 " " . .	552	9,936	
30 Temporary Teachers, 100 days . .		6,000	
20 Special Assistants, 100 days . .		3,000	
Additional compensation for Training Teachers		5,000	
			1,031,596
Manual Training Schools.			
Carpentry, 1 Principal .	at $2,508	$2,508	
18 Assistants .	996	17,928	
1 Assistant .	948	948	
2 Assistants .	900	1,800	
5 " .	852	4,260	
1 Assistant .	804	804	
Cookery, 1 Principal . .	1,500	1,500	
4 Assistants . .	856	3,424	
3 " . .	792	2,376	
2 " . .	744	1,488	
1 Assistant . .	696	696	
Carried forward		$37,732	$1,682,920

Brought forward	$37,732	$1,682,920
Cookery, 4 Assistants . . at $648	2,592	
3 " . . 600	1,800	
2 " . . 552	1,104	
Sewing, 41 Instructors, 354 Divisions .	26,986	
		70,214
Special Grade.		
School on Spectacle Island:		
Instructor		400
High Schools:		
3 Assistants in Modern Languages		4,500
Horace Mann School:		
1 Principal	$2,880	
1 Assistant Principal	1,368	
12 Assistants	12,168	
		16,416
Music:		
1 Instructor, High Schools . . .	$2,640	
3 Assistants, Grammar Schools . .	7,920	
4 " Primary Schools . .	3,552	
		14,112
Drawing:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant Director	2,508	
Master, Evening Drawing Schools, and Assistant	2,000	
2 Assistants	3,000	
		10,508
Chemistry:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . .	$1,620	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant .	804	
		2,424
Physical Training:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant	2,280	
		5,280
Vocal and Physical Training and Reading:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . .	$900	
Roxbury High, 1 Instructor . . .	1,200	
Girls' Latin, 1 Instructor . . .	900	
Brighton High, 1 Instructor . . .	700	
		3,700
Military Drill:		
Instructor	$2,000	
Armorer	1,050	
		3,050
Evening High School:		
Head-master, 22 weeks	$1,100	
2 Assistants in charge, 66 evenings .	660	
36 Assistants, 22 weeks	15,840	
Clerk	440	
		18,040
Carried forward		$1,831,564

Brought forward			$1,831,564
Evening Elementary Schools:			
7 Principals, 22 weeks		$3,850	
4 " 22 weeks		1,760	
10 First Assistants, 22 weeks		2,750	
102 Assistants, 22 weeks		22,440	
			30,800
Evening Drawing Schools:			
2 Masters, 66 evenings		$1,320	
3 Principals, 66 evenings		1,584	
18 Assistants, 66 evenings		7,128	
4 Assistants, 66 evenings		1,320	
5 Curators		660	
			12,012
Kindergartens:			
Director		$2,880	
47 Principals	at $792	37,224	
9 "	744	6,696	
4 "	696	2,784	
4 "	648	2,592	
2 "	600	1,200	
15 Assistants	624	9,360	
18 "	576	10,368	
14 "	528	7,392	
15 "	480	7,200	
4 "	432	1,728	
Special Assistant service		200	
			89,624
Total for Instructors			$1,964,000

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
Six Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	3,300
Auditing Clerk	3,300
Assistants in offices, School Department	8,912
Copyist	1,008
Messengers	2,700
19 Truant Officers	25,200
Total for Officers	$71,300

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

Janitors of 11 High Schools	$19,000
" " 57 Grammar Schools	62,500
" " 119 Primary Schools	54,000
" " 35 Special and Evening Schools	7,400
" " School Committee Rooms	2,400
Additional for washing floors, etc.	2,700
Total for Janitors	$148,000

FUEL, GAS, AND WATER.

16,000 tons of coal, at $5.00 (including weighing)	$80,000
250 cords of wood (including splitting and housing),	3,000
Gas and electric lighting	9,000
Water	11,000
Total for Fuel, Gas, and Water	$103,000

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Text-books, Reference-books, Exchange of books	$54,000
Books for supplementary reading	8,000
Annual festival	2,700
Globes, maps, and charts	1,200
Music expenses: instruments, repairs, and covers	3,000
Printing, and stock used for same, including reports of School Committee meetings	7,700
Philosophical, chemical, and mathematical apparatus and supplies	4,600
School census	1,700
Stationery, drawing materials, and record books	29,000
Diplomas, blackboard erasers, etc.	2,800
Advertising	500
Military drill: arms, repairs, and expenses of annual parade	1,100
Removing ashes from school-houses, and snow from yards	2,000
Flags for school-houses	800
Janitors' and other supplies	5,500
Supplies for manual training	7,900
Materials for Kindergartens (including maid service),	3,500
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairing apparatus, etc.	7,800
Tuition Boston pupils in Brookline schools	1,500
Car and ferry tickets, Horace Mann School (refunded by State)	2,700
Carried forward	$148,000

Brought forward	$148,000
Travelling expenses of Truant Officers	500
Materials for study of Natural History, including stereopticon slides	1,000
Horse and carriage expenses, carriage-hire, and refreshments	1,200
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, postage, car and ferry tickets, printing and type-setting in Horace Mann School, extra clerk-hire, and sundry items	3,000
Total for Supplies and Incidentals	$153,700

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,964,000
Salaries of Officers	71,300
Salaries of Janitors	148,000
Fuel, Gas, and Water	103,000
Supplies and Incidentals	153,700
Total Department Expenses	$2,440,000

INCOME ACCOUNT DEPARTMENT EXPENSES.

Non-residents, Trust Funds, and other sources	$40,000

Of late years the estimate for repairs and alteration of school-houses has been granted under the appropriation "Public Buildings, School Expenses."

The estimate for the coming year, in detail, is as follows:

SCHOOL-HOUSES, REPAIRS, ETC.

Rents and taxes	$30,000
Heating-apparatus	30,000
Gas-fitting and plumbing	15,000
Masonry	30,000
Plastering and whitening	5,000
Painting and glazing	25,000
New furniture and repairs of old	30,000
Carpentry and lumber	35,000
Roofing and gutters	10,000
Blackboards	5,000
Salaries	6,000
Iron and wire work	2,000
Cartage	2,000
Auxiliary Fire Alarm, rental and repairs	4,000
Electric light fixtures	2,000
Carried forward	$231,000

Brought forward	$231,000
Locks and bells	2,000
Fire-escapes and repairs	1,500
Board and shoeing of horses	1,000
Repairs of carriages and harnesses	500
Printing, stationery, and postage	500
Flag-staffs	1,000
Fire-extinguishers and hose	1,000
Ventilators and repairs	7,000
Disinfectants	1,500
Miscellaneous	3,000
Total Public Buildings, School Expenses	$250,000

SCHOOL-HOUSES. SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

Approximate cost of repairs on heating-apparatus of the following schools:

Abby W. May	$75	Christopher Gibson	$150
Adams	125	Choate Burnham	90
Adams Street	25	Clinch	625
Agassiz	180	Comins	225
Appleton Street	750	Common Street	60
Atherton	80	Cook	90
Auburn	50	Cottage Place	50
Bailey Street	60	Cross Street	40
Baker Street	20	Cudworth	60
Baldwin	120	Cushman	80
Bartlett Street	200	Cyrus Alger	60
B. F. Tweed	25	Dearborn	180
Benjamin Pope	90	Dillaway	75
Bennett	120	Dorchester Avenue	45
Bigelow	7,000	Dorchester High	260
Blackinton	70	Drake	90
Bon Homme Richard	20	Dudley	950
Bowditch	250	Dwight	100
Bowdoin	175	East Boston High	50
Brighton High	225	Edward Everett	90
Brimmer	90	Eliot	300
Bunker Hill Grammar	2,000	Emerson, Poplar Street,	60
Bunker Hill Primary	125	English High and Latin,	7,000
Canterbury Street	12	Emerson	80
Capen	200	Eustis Street	30
Chapman	145	Everett	125
Chapman Annex	60	Everett, Brighton	15
Charlestown High	90	Florence Street	75
Charles C. Perkins	75	Franklin	175
Charles Sumner	80	Freeman	90
Chestnut Avenue	30	Fremont Place	25

Frothingham	$1,600	Minot	$95
Gaston	120	Mt. Pleasant Avenue	60
George Putnam	160	Morton Street	80
George Street	125	Mount Vernon	120
Girls' High	500	Munroe Street	40
Gilbert Stuart	200	Noble	1,500
Glenway	20	Norcross	50
Grant	75	North Margin Street	25
Hancock	90	Oak Square	40
Harbor View Street	50	Old Agassiz	80
Harris	60	Old Edward Everett	90
Harvard, Brighton	50	Old Gibson	140
Harvard	2,000	Old Mather	60
Harvard Hill	50	Old Roxbury High	80
Hawes Hall	60	Phillips	90
Heath Street	25	Phillips Street	5,500
Henry L. Pierce	175	Phineas Bates	40
Hillside	30	Pierpont	90
Hobart Street	25	Plummer	150
Horace Mann	90	Polk Street	40
Howard Avenue	80	Pormort	90
Howe	600	Prescott	6,000
Hugh O'Brien	290	Prescott Annex	20
Hugh O'Brien Annex	60	Prince	1,800
Hyde	140	Quincy	225
Ingraham	50	Quincy Street, Dorchester	40
Ira Allen	45	Quincy Street	1,600
John A. Andrew	1,200	Rice	375
Joshua Bates	75	Robert G. Shaw	175
Lawrence	1,600	Roger Clap	225
Lewis	225	Roxbury High	150
Lincoln	120	Roxbury Street	50
Little Em'ly	20	Rutland Street	45
Longfellow	50	Savin Hill	50
Lowell	125	Sharp	125
Lowell Annex	60	Sherwin	1,200
Lucretia Crocker	140	Shurtleff	200
Lyceum Hall	100	Simonds	10
Lyman	225	Skinner	110
Margaret Fuller	75	Smith Street	50
Martin	475	Somerset Street	120
Mather, South Boston	125	Stephen M. Weld	725
Mather	875	Stoughton	80
Mayflower	15	Tappan	75
Mead Street	50	Thetford Street	125
Mechanic Arts High	200	Thomas N. Hart	80
Medford Street	60		

Thomas N. Hart Annex,	$20	West Concord Street	$175
Ticknor	175	West Roxbury High	125
Tileston	6,500	Weston Street	90
Tuckerman	70	Williams	650
Tyler Street	130	William H. Kent	90
Union Street	40	William Wirt Warren	150
Wait	180	Winchell	140
Walnut Street	150	Winship	600
Ware	90	Winthrop	300
Warren	140	Winthrop Street	65
Washington Allston	125	Wise Building	20
Washington Allston Annex	125	Wyman	100
Washington Street, Forest Hills	30	Yeoman Street	75
Washington Street, Germantown	75	School Committee Rooms	50
Way Street	65	Day's Chapel	25
Webster	30	Byron Court	30
Wells	1,800	17 Cookery Schools	175
		Total	$71,217

Approximate cost of installing new heating and ventilation in the following schools:

Adams	$7,100	Dorchester High	$10,000
Adams Street	350	Drake	4,400
Appleton Street	4,800	Dudley	9,400
Bailey Street	2,800	Dwight	9,000
Baldwin	3,200	Eliot	11,500
Bartlett Street	5,500	Emerson	7,700
Bennett, Bennett Branch	10,000	Emerson Primary	1,900
		E Street	800
Bigelow	8,500	Everett	9,100
Brimmer	7,100	Franklin	7,600
Bunker Hill	9,300	Freeman	3,600
Bunker Hill and Charles Street	4,200	Frothingham	8,100
Canterbury Street	1,100	George Putnam	7,900
Chapman	8,200	George Street	5,100
Charles Sumner	8,100	Grant	1,800
Chestnut Avenue	1,100	Harbor View Street	4,100
Comins	8,000	Harvard	8,100
Common Street	1,800	Harvard Hill	2,000
Cook	1,000	Hawes Hall	5,900
Cottage Place	2,700	Ingraham	1,200
Cross Street	800	Joshua Bates	5,900
Cushman	8,100	Lawrence	4,000
Dearborn	8,000	Lowell	7,000
		Lyman	7,100

Mather	$7,400	Simonds	$1,600
Mead Street	2,700	Skinner	4,100
Mt. Pleasant Avenue	700	Tileston	7,900
Mt. Vernon	5,700	Tuckerman	1,800
Noble	4,000	Tyler Street	2,100
Norcross	9,300	Wait	5,500
Old Agassiz	4,700	Ware	4,800
Old Edward Everett	5,700	Warren	9,000
Old Roxbury High	5,000	Wells	6,600
Parkman	4,900	West Concord Street	7,900
Phillips	12,500	West Roxbury High	8,700
Phillips Street	5,800	Winthrop	10,200
Pormort	1,600	Winthrop Street	2,600
Prescott	10,350	Yeoman Street	5,700
Quincy	10,200		
Sharp	4,100	Total	$437,300
Sherwin	9,200		

Approximate cost of new urinals, closets, and drainage in the following schools:

Adams	$4,800	Grant	$1,800
Auburn	1,400	Harbor View Street	400
Baldwin	2,500	Harvard	900
Bennett	6,000	Hawes Hall	4,500
Bigelow	6,000	Ingraham	1,250
Blackinton	400	Ira Allen	3,000
Brimmer	4,800	John A. Andrew	6,800
Chapman	2,500	Lawrence	5,000
Charlestown High	350	Lucretia Crocker	550
Charles Sumner	5,200	Lincoln	5,000
Clinch	3,500	Lyceum Hall	550
Comins	7,800	Martin	1,150
Cudworth	3,500	Mather	5,000
Cushman	4,200	Minot	550
Dearborn	6,000	Morton Street	2,500
Dorchester Avenue	400	Munroe Street	900
Dorchester High	3,200	Noble	1,500
Drake	3,000	Norcross	5,800
Dudley	1,000	Old Mather	2,500
Dwight	6,500	Phillips	6,800
East Boston High	1,100	Phillips Street	3,500
Eliot	6,800	Pierpont	900
Emerson	2,200	Polk Street	3,800
Franklin	3,000	Pormort	500
Freeman	2,500	Prescott	6,800
Frothingham	6,800	Quincy	4,800
George Putnam	4,500	Robert G. Shaw	600
George Street	2,500	Rutland Street	3,800

Sherwin	$6,800	West Concord Street	$5,200
Shurtleff	5,800	West Roxbury High	600
Skinner	2,800	Weston Street	4,000
Somerset Street	1,600	Williams	2,400
Stephen M. Weld	2,000	William Wirt Warren	2,800
Ticknor	4,800	Winchell	6,200
Tyler Street	2,800	Winthrop Street	1,500
Tuckerman	3,000	Winthrop	6,000
Wait	3,600	Wyman	500
Washington Allston	6,800	Yeoman Street	5,000
Way Street	500		
Webster	1,800	Total	$266,900
Wells	6,800		

ESTIMATE OF SPECIAL REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Abby W. May	$530	Thetford Street	$150
Adams Street	290	Tileston	2,340
Appleton Street	1,610	Minot	1,000
Cook	935	Old Minot	720
Cottage Place	325	West Concord Street	1,580
Atherton	1,520	Weston Street	395
Bailey Street	780	Williams	440
Bartlett Street	1,080	Winthrop Street	730
Old Roxbury High	980	Yeoman Street	1,505
Joshua Bates	1,335	Dillaway	335
Day's Chapel	170	Dearborn	1,625
Harbor View Street	860	Dudley	1,835
Dorchester Avenue	420	Old Edward Everett	1,080
Edward Everett	1,440	Dwight	2,425
Eustis Street	360	Everett	537
George Street	805	Henry L. Pierce	1,300
Christopher Gibson	335	Hugh O'Brien	915
Harris	850	Hyde	2,310
Howard Avenue	1,160	Lewis	760
Ira Allen	750	Prince	965
Lyceum Hall	2,160	Roxbury Street	1,485
Mt. Pleasant Avenue	420	Rice	950
Munroe Street	425	Dorchester High	1,010
Mather	1,268	Roxbury High	475
Old Mather	725	Girls' High	2,180
Quincy Street, Roxbury,	555	Latin	1,875
Quincy Street, Dorchester	275	George Putnam	990
Roxbury Street	1,545	Franklin	450
Rutland Street	615	Glen Road	260
Savin Hill Avenue	640	Old Gibson	685
Sherwin	1,735	Eliot	1,675
Stoughton	2,055	Ware	1,600
		Pormort	1,475

Freeman	$1,860	Tuckerman	$610
Hancock	2,925	Pope	840
Cushman	2,525	Comins	2,600
North Margin Street	500	Phillips Street	820
Emerson Primary	1,675	Smith Street	490
Wells	2,550	Martin	895
Winchell	1,475	Lowell	820
Phillips	1,235	Lucretia Crocker	380
Grant	500	Wyman	510
Somerset Street	575	Heath Street	345
Sharp	1,125	Bowditch	6,325
Quincy	3,600	Margaret Fuller	175
Hudson Street	500	Hillside	415
Winthrop	1,950	Chestnut Avenue	700
Brimmer	3,400	Agassiz	1,095
Skinner	1,110	Old Agassiz	115
Tyler Street	550	Washington Street, Forest Hills	140
Way Street	710	West Roxbury High	465
Wait	845	Charles Sumner	1,200
East Boston High	955	Stephen M. Weld	380
Adams	7,350	Florence Street	1,220
Plummer	345	Canterbury Street	515
Chapman	950	Robert G. Shaw	4,750
Tappan	540	Mt. Vernon	1,015
Emerson	1,785	Baker Street	170
Blackinton	395	Germantown	450
Noble	720	Bennett	1,510
Lyman	1,415	Bennett Annex	550
Cudworth	690	Winship	925
Lawrence	2,157	Oak Square	100
Norcross	3,890	Hobart Street	550
Bigelow	1,800	Union Street	190
Shurtleff	930	Washington Allston	1,010
John A. Andrew	1,760	Allston Club House	1,200
Thomas N. Hart	960	William Wirt Warren	330
Lincoln	1,250	North Harvard Street	290
Gaston	1,440	Webster	410
Drake	2,225	Everett	350
Howe	1,405	Auburn	360
Mather, South Boston	1,565	Brighton High	800
Hawes Hall	105	Charlestown High	2,575
Simonds	265	Bunker Hill Grammar	2,350
Cyrus Alger	1,625	Bunker Hill Primary	770
Clinch	840	B. F. Tweed	715
Ticknor	1,865	Warren	2,375
Choate Burnham	285	Mead Street	275
Capen	1,160		

Cross Street	$350	Harvard	$2,550
Prescott	3,400	Harvard Hill	775
Polk Street	620	Common Street . . .	325
Frothingham	1,725	Medford Street . . .	950
William H. Kent . .	310		
Total			$193,372

The amount requested under the head of Public Buildings, School Expenses, Special Appropriation for Extraordinary Repairs, etc., is as follows:

Repairs on heating-apparatus	$71,217
New heating and ventilating apparatus	437,300
New urinals, closets, and drainage	266,900
Special repairs	193,372
	$968,789

The total amount of money asked for by the estimates herewith submitted is as follows:

School Committee, Department Expenses . . .	$2,440,000
Public Buildings, School Expenses, Ordinary . .	$250,000
Public Buildings, School Expenses, Special Appropriation for Extraordinary Repairs, etc.	$968,789

For the financial year 1897–98 the School Committee requested exclusive of repairs, the sum of $2,250,000.

The City Council appropriated only $2,140,000, which proved insufficient to meet the expenses, and an additional appropriation of $110,000 (the amount deducted from the estimate) was requested and allowed.

For the financial year 1898–99, to cover the same items, the sum of $2,440,000 will be needed, as shown by the estimates herewith submitted.

These estimates are made up on the same basis as were those of last year, and the care taken in their preparation is shown to some extent by the result of the expenditures for the year just closed, as compared with the estimates submitted Dec. 22, 1896, which were as follows:

Estimates, Department Expenses	$2,250,000 00
Refunded by State for money advanced Horace Mann School	2,531 53
Total	$2,252,531 53

Expenditures for the year	$2,252,601 20
Showing a difference between the estimates as submitted and the expenditures incurred of only . .	$69 67

Of the amount requested $1,964,000, or very nearly 80 per cent., is needed to pay salaries of instructors. This item is largely increased not only by the natural yearly growth of the schools, but more particularly by the increased compensation allowed instructors in the new schedule of salaries adopted by the School Board.

The remaining items included in the estimates submitted, viz.: salaries of officers, salaries of janitors, fuel, gas, and water, incidentals and supplies, show but a slight increase as compared with last year, and not more than is warranted by the additional school accommodations acquired and the natural increase in the number of pupils.

The amount requested for ordinary expenses under the head of "Public Buildings, School Expenses," for repairs, etc., is $250,000, which in comparison with the annual expense in previous years is a moderate estimate.

For the special appropriation "Extraordinary Repairs" the sum of $968,789 is called for, principally for improving the sanitary condition of school-houses, ventilation, and renewing the heating-apparatus in many of our school buildings as required by law.

The committees having charge of the preparation of these estimates have endeavored to furnish them in detail as completely as possible. In their opinion the entire amount requested is needed and should be granted.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WILLARD S. ALLEN,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,

ARCHIBALD T. DAVISON,
Chairman.

The Chair stated that under the rules the estimates required a two-thirds yea and nay vote for approval.

The estimates were unanimously approved by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, and Paul — 21.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Davison, Lowell, and Strange.

Report of Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies; expenditure for examination of boilers in public schools. [See p. 372.]

Mr. Allen, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, to whom was referred — Nov. 9 — an order that the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies be requested to include in the annual estimates of expenditures a sum sufficient to provide for an examination of the boilers in the public schools, said examination to be made annually in the month of July, reported that the matter has been attended to by referring the order to the Committee on School Houses, as the proper committee having charge of such matters, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Accounts and Salaries; petition to Legislature; pension for superannuated teachers.

Mr. Allen, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Salaries, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the Committee on Legislative Matters be and they hereby are directed to appear before the next session of the Legislature and endeavor to have a law passed enabling the city of Boston to pay a pension of from twenty-five to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the salary at the date of retiring to all teachers who shall retire either because of poor health or old age, provided such teachers have served twenty-five consecutive years in the public schools of said city, ordinary absences because of sickness or leave of the School Committee of said city not to be counted against their length of service, reported that the matter has been considered, and that the committees named are of the opinion that it is not advisable to take any action on the order at the present time.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of Ella F. Deuel.

Ordered, That the salary of Ella F. Deuel, assistant in the office of the Secretary, be fixed at the rate of eight hundred forty dollars ($840) per annum until otherwise ordered, to date from Jan. 1, 1898.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Annie C. Murphy.

Ordered, That the salary of Annie C. Murphy, stenographer and typewriter in the office of the Superintendent, be fixed at the rate of seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720) per annum until otherwise ordered, to date from Jan. 1, 1898.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Petition to General Court for amendment to section 7 of chapter 241 of Acts of 1875, relative to election of Superintendent and Supervisors.

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court at its session commencing on the first Wednesday of January next, for an amendment to section 7 of chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, so as to provide that at the election occurring in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the School Committee shall elect a Superintendent and two Supervisors for the term of three years, two Supervisors for the term of two years, and two Supervisors for the term of one year, and that thereafter the School Committee shall annually elect two Supervisors for the term of three years, and shall triennially elect a Superintendent who shall hold office for the term of three years.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Petition to General Court for amendment to section 24 of chapter 419 of Acts of 1892 relative to erection of school-houses.

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court at its session commencing on the first Wednesday of January next, for an amendment to section 24 of chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892 so as to permit the erection and occupation for school purposes of one-story wooden

buildings in the city of Boston, outside of the building limits.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, presented the following:

Report of Committee on Seventh Division relative to school accommodations.

The Committee on the Seventh Division submit the following report with regard to the school accommodations in districts under their charge:

GEORGE PUTNAM DISTRICT.

In this district 50 children are now without school privileges. One Grammar and one Primary class divide the use of the hall, giving to neither the advantage to which it is entitled. Were a new eight-room Primary building now ready for occupancy there would not be more than two rooms available for future growth, viz., one in the Grammar building and one in the Williams Primary School-house. A suitable site should be secured without delay, and a new building erected as quickly as possible.

HUGH O'BRIEN DISTRICT.

The situation in this district is perplexing, and the problems presented difficult of solution. The Grammar building, with a normal capacity for 784 pupils, is occupied by 870 pupils, and a wooden building in the yard contains 112 pupils, making a total of 982 Grammar pupils; and at the present time a class of 30 pupils is accommodated in the hall and another of 56 in the basement. The class to be graduated from the Grammar School in 1898 will number about 114, and at the opening of the schools in September next about 240 pupils will enter the Grammar School from the Primary Schools, making 126 additional pupils for which Grammar School accommodations must be provided. The basement is a totally unfit place for a class-room, and the 56 pupils at present accommodated there should be removed. This will make a total number of about 1,108 pupils who will require Grammar School accommodations in September, 1898.

The situation in the Primary School buildings is fully as serious. There are 336 pupils at present in the George-street Primary School-house; 448 pupils in the Howard-avenue Primary School-house and annex; and 112 pupils in the stores recently hired, making a total of 896 pupils. In the opinion of your committee the George-street Primary School-house is unfit for its present use, being almost entirely surrounded by factories and removed from the residential sec-

tion. This property should be sold and the proceeds invested in land in the vicinity of Clifton street, on which should be erected a ten-room Primary School-house. With the George-street building closed, and a new ten-room Primary School-house ready for occupancy Sept. 1, 1898, nine classes would seek admission, and the three stores on Dudley street now occupied for school purposes could be given up. In the opinion of your committee a Grammar School-house in the suburban districts should not contain more than 1,000 scholars. The present and future growth of this district and the Lewis District is southerly and westerly, both entering a territory that is being rapidly covered with dwelling-houses, and that will soon contain a very large additional school population. In the judgment of your committee a new Grammar district should be formed from a portion of the Lewis and Hugh O'Brien Districts and a sixteen-room Grammar School-house provided therefor.

LEWIS DISTRICT.

The situation in the Lewis District demands prompt and careful attention. Every school-house is crowded, and the school population now numbers nearly 1,700 pupils, and is daily increasing. Your committee are convinced that the present membership of this district is too large, and that a new district should be established for its relief, as suggested in this report.

MARTIN DISTRICT.

During the past three years the Martin School has increased from eleven classes, with an average attendance of 440 pupils in 1896, to fourteen classes, with 718 pupils at the present time. The rooms in this building are small and so crowded that a sufficient amount of fresh air for the health of teachers and pupils is not available. The present opening up of large estates for the building of houses promises, in the opinion of good judges, a large increase in the school population within a very short time, and increased accommodations should be provided without delay. The present building should be devoted to the use of Kindergarten, Primary, and Manual Training Schools, and a new Grammar building should be erected.

To carry out the suggestions made in the preceding report, your committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That a new eight-room Primary School Building be erected in the George Putnam District, on a site to be selected by the Committee on School Houses and the Seventh Division Committee.

2. *Ordered*, That a new ten-room Primary School Building be erected in the Hugh O'Brien District in the vicinity of Clifton street.

3. *Ordered*, That a new Grammar district be created from the southerly portion of the Hugh O'Brien and Lewis Districts, and a sixteen-room Grammar School-house erected therein, on a site to be determined by the Committee on School Houses and the Seventh Division Committee.

4. *Ordered*, That a new eight-room Primary School-house be erected in the Lewis District on Munroe street.

5. *Ordered*, That a suitable site be selected in the Martin District by the Committee on School Houses and the Seventh Division Committee, and a Grammar School building erected thereon.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, presented the following:

The Committee on the Ninth Division respectfully present the following report relative to school facilities in Dorchester:

Report of Committee on Ninth Division relative to school accommodations.

CHRISTOPHER GIBSON DISTRICT.

The past, present, and evident future growth of this district demands more than attention to its immediate wants. During the two years from September, 1895, — when the new Grammar building was first occupied, — to September, 1897, the district has increased in school population nearly thirty-three per cent. Should the present ratio continue for the two following years — and the argument favors a still greater increase — the district will contain not less than 2,000 pupils in September, 1899, or about 500 more than are provided for by present buildings. It is evident that a large Grammar School building and an eight-room Primary School-house should be ready for occupancy by September, 1899. The new Grammar School-house should be erected on the lot now occupied by the Gibson Primary School-house on School street, and to avoid depriving the classes now occupying that building of accommodations during the erection of the new school-house another Primary School building should be constructed during the year 1898.

HENRY L. PIERCE DISTRICT.

The new Grammar School-house opened in 1892 is full. The Primary School building on Thetford street, enlarged in 1896, is also full, and its capacity should again be increased by the addition of another wing.

ROGER CLAP DISTRICT.

A ten-room Grammar School building, with accommodations for 392 Grammar and 168 Primary pupils, was dedicated in April of this year. At the opening of the school, 434 Grammar and 190 Primary scholars applied for admission, an excess of 64 over the seating capacity of the house. The lines of the district have been changed, and 60 Grammar scholars transferred to the John A. Andrew School, yet there are to-day connected with the school 680 Grammar and Primary pupils accommodated as follows: 439 Grammar and 190 Primary scholars in the Grammar building, and a class of 51 in the Edward Everett District.

At the present rate of increase in school population there will be not less than 900 scholars in the district by the 1st of January, 1899. It is manifest that increased accommodations must be provided without delay.

TILESTON DISTRICT.

All the school-rooms in this district are crowded. Children are prevented from attending school for this reason, and on account of the great distance from their homes to the school-house. This district — one of the largest territorially in the city — is being rapidly covered with a multitude of houses that will within a very few years furnish a school population that must be cared for. That two new Grammar School buildings will be needed within five years cannot be disputed. Ordinary business sagacity would justify the purchase of land without delay in anticipation of the continuous advance in value of real estate.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That a two-room wooden building be erected in the yard of the Old Gibson School-house, on School street, Dorchester.

2. *Ordered*, That an eight-room Primary School building be erected in the Christopher Gibson District, on the westerly side of the New England Railroad.

3. *Ordered*, That the Thetford-street School-house be enlarged by the addition of a new wing.

4. *Ordered*, That a suitable site in the Roger Clap District be selected by the Committee on School Houses and the Committee on the Ninth Division, and a fourteen-room Grammar School-house erected thereon.

5. *Ordered*, That a twelve-room Grammar School building be erected in the Tileston District, on a site to be selected by the Committee on School Houses and the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — April 13 — an order that Prang's Color Charts be supplied to Kindergartens and Primary Schools where color work is taught, reported that color charts thus far have been supplied upon the recommendation of the Director of Drawing, and that no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on Supplies; Prang's Color Charts to be supplied to Kindergartens and Primary Schools. [See p. 129.]

Accepted.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that they furnish all school-houses not already supplied with a national flag, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 181 of the Acts of 1895, reported that flags are furnished to all school-houses upon requisitions from the principals of the districts, and that no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on Supplies; furnishing flags for schools.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, it was

Ordered, That the committee of experts appointed by the Board Dec. 10, 1895, to report upon the principles of seating of pupils in the public schools, together with such recommendations as they deem appropriate, be authorized to present such report in print, and that two thousand copies of said report be printed.

Committee of experts authorized to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, for the Committee on the Annual Report, it was

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report for 1897 be printed.

Edition of Report of Committee on Annual Report.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on Manual Training, and five hun-

Edition of Report of Committee on Manual Training.

dred additional copies of the appendix to said report, be printed.

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; report of Board of Supervisors on closer relation between Kindergartens and Primary Schools.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a report of the Board of Supervisors on the subject of closer relations between the Kindergarten and the Primary Schools, reported that this matter is receiving constant attention from the Director of Kindergartens and the Supervisors of the Primary Schools, and your committee therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Board at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition of Frederick W. Farwell *et als.*; establishment of Evening Elementary School in Roger Clap School-house. [See p. 276.]

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — Sept. 28 — a petition signed by Frederick W. Farwell and forty-nine others, asking that an Evening Elementary School be established in the Roger Clap School-house, reported that the matter has been carefully considered, and the petitioners have been granted a hearing. Your committee do not, however, feel warranted in recommending the establishment of another Evening School in Dorchester this year, both on account of the expense involved and because they believe that the residents of that section are fairly well provided, for the present at least, with Evening School accommodations. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appointment of Annie M. Eaton instructor of

Ordered, That Annie M. Eaton be appointed instructor of cookery in the Lyman Evening School, to date from

Jan. 4, 1898, and that the salary of such teacher be at the rate of two dollars ($2) per evening of actual service.

cookery in Lyman Evening School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Ordered, That Helen A. Fernald be appointed a special assistant in the Horace Mann School, at a salary of one and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($1.50) per day, to date from Jan. 3, 1898.

Appointment of Helen A. Fernald special assistant, Horace Mann School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Allen it was

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Unfinished business referred.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Henry D. Huggan, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board.

Vote of thanks to President of the Board.

Mr. Bassett in the chair.

The order was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The President in the chair.

The President responded briefly and courteously.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

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